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## PALESTINE PROBLEM

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## Snipers Open Fire

### BOGOTA STRIFE

In London recently, 60 moustaches sat down at the first annual dinner of the Handlebar Club (qualification: moustaches with "graspable extremities"). Afterwards, at a contest held to determine the King Handlebar, winner was George Hoffman with an 8 1/2-inch span.

Bogota, Apr. 18.—Snipers and army troops shattered Sunday's calm in the centre of Bogota with an exchange of shots lasting more than an hour.

The snipers were apparently located in the upper floors or on a roof of a building two blocks from the main street.

The exchange of fire grew in violence as snipers' shots were heard from other directions. Civilians stood in the open behind the firing troops but as the shooting increased took shelter in the Catholic Church, where mass was in progress and in other nearby buildings.

The situation was not considered perilous. The inter American conference which has been holding sessions in the residential suburb of Chapinero, decided on Saturday to assume meetings in the national capital in central Bogota on Monday.

But in view of the firing, there, probably will be further consultations before the conference moves.

### CHURCH-GOERS SCATTER

Bogota, Apr. 18.—Church-going crowds scurried for cover today as rifle fire cracked anew in the ruins of downtown Bogota.

Heaviest firing occurred in the vicinity of San Tander Square where snipers were hidden in the ruins of an office building and exchanged shots with soldiers in the square and nearby buildings.

Scattered firing could be heard near the Presidential Palace. So far as it was known no casualties resulted from the shooting. The city was quiet again before noon.

In San Tander Square, a military patrol rushed to the snipers' hiding place as fire slackened and the hidden gunmen succeeded in escaping.

Meanwhile, sub-committees of the 8th Pan-American conference's Steering Committee were in session throughout the day in an effort to rush the work of the hemisphere meeting to completion.

### THE AWAKENING

Bogota, Apr. 18.—Carlos Monroy, 40, has been a non-drinker since last week and vows he will stay that way for his life.

During the height of the revolt, Monroy drank several bottles of rum and passed out. Men were all round him and the government brought the bodies to the morgue. There Monroy awoke among the corpses, and took the pledge—United Press.

## U.S. To Insist On Joint Action

### LATEST ATTITUDE

New York, Apr. 18.—The United States will not try to solve the Palestine problem itself, an American spokesman said today. He said that if several countries cannot agree on joint action there is the possibility that no solution can be found to end the Holy Land controversy.

The spokesman said that the United States will insist in the debates at the special United Nations Assembly on Palestine that other countries must bear their part in any Palestine solution. He said "we will not take the lead alone. We have no intention of getting out in front by ourselves."

The spokesman's comments were particularly significant in view of earlier indications that the United States would put before the special assembly a definite plan for establishing a temporary United Nations trusteeship over the Holy Land.

The spokesman said that the United States situation at this stage is roughly this:

1.—There is not in existence in the American delegation any formal plan for temporary trusteeship. The plan for temporary trusteeship presented by the United States has so far presented only suggestions on trusteeship but no formal plan was ever presented.

2.—The United States is continually consulting other countries including Britain and France on joint action in Palestine.—Associated Press.

### ARAB CLAIM

Jerusalem, Apr. 18.—Strong Arab forces captured the Jewish settlement of Neve Jacob, a strong point north of Jerusalem from which Arab forces had been under fire. Arab sources in Jerusalem claimed that 50 Jewish dead were reported.

Two Jewish quarters of Jerusalem tonight and a house was blown up, but no casualties were reported.

Arab sources said there were 50 Jewish dead in the attack on Neve Jacob and that the Jews had attacked the settlement. The only British

Army report available was that heavy firing had been heard at the settlement.

### JUBILATION

When Arabs in Jerusalem heard that the settlement had fallen to Arab arms, they fired their guns into the air in celebration of the victory.

The Arab report said the settlement had been abandoned by the Jews in anticipation of a heavy Arab assault.

Haganah claimed the Tiberias Hotel, a well-known holiday resort on the shores of Lake Tiberias (the Biblical sea of Galilee) was stormed by Jewish forces tonight against strong Arab opposition, and that the Arab defenders were in flight.

Jews blew up a British Army ammunition train at Benyamina, in the Palestine orange belt yesterday, and then opened heavy fire on the troops who went to investigate. It was officially announced.—Reuter.

**BAGHDAD DEMONSTRATION**  
Baghdad, Apr. 18.—More than 15,000 demonstrators demanded immediate military aid for Palestine here today as leading Arab military experts prepared for important

"Help Palestine" talks at the palace of the Regent, Emir Abdul Ilah.

All day, the demonstrators staged marches through the city's streets.

General Ismail Sawat, Inspector General of the Arab Liberation Army, was expected to arrive here tonight to begin talks under the Regent before leaving tomorrow for an "unknown destination."

Jamil Al Hawi, the Iraqi Minister in Amman, and Sherif Hussain Nasir, the Iraqi Consul-General in Jerusalem, have been called to Baghdad to report on the situation.

Nasir Al Farisi, the Iraqi Foreign Minister, arrived here yesterday from Cairo, where the Arab League Political Committee has been discussing Palestine.

An Iraqi spokesman told Reuter tonight: "I assure the Arab world that Iraq's aid to Palestine will end the Zionists' terrorism and massacre."

### NARROW ESCAPE

Haiti, Apr. 18.—The timely arrival of a British armored car saved three British guards from hanging yesterday at an internment camp for alien Germans, it was disclosed today.

Eighty Germans are being held in two small rooms at Waldheim internment camp by Jews who swooped down on it yesterday morning. Their fate is still unknown but the British are organizing a relief expedition.

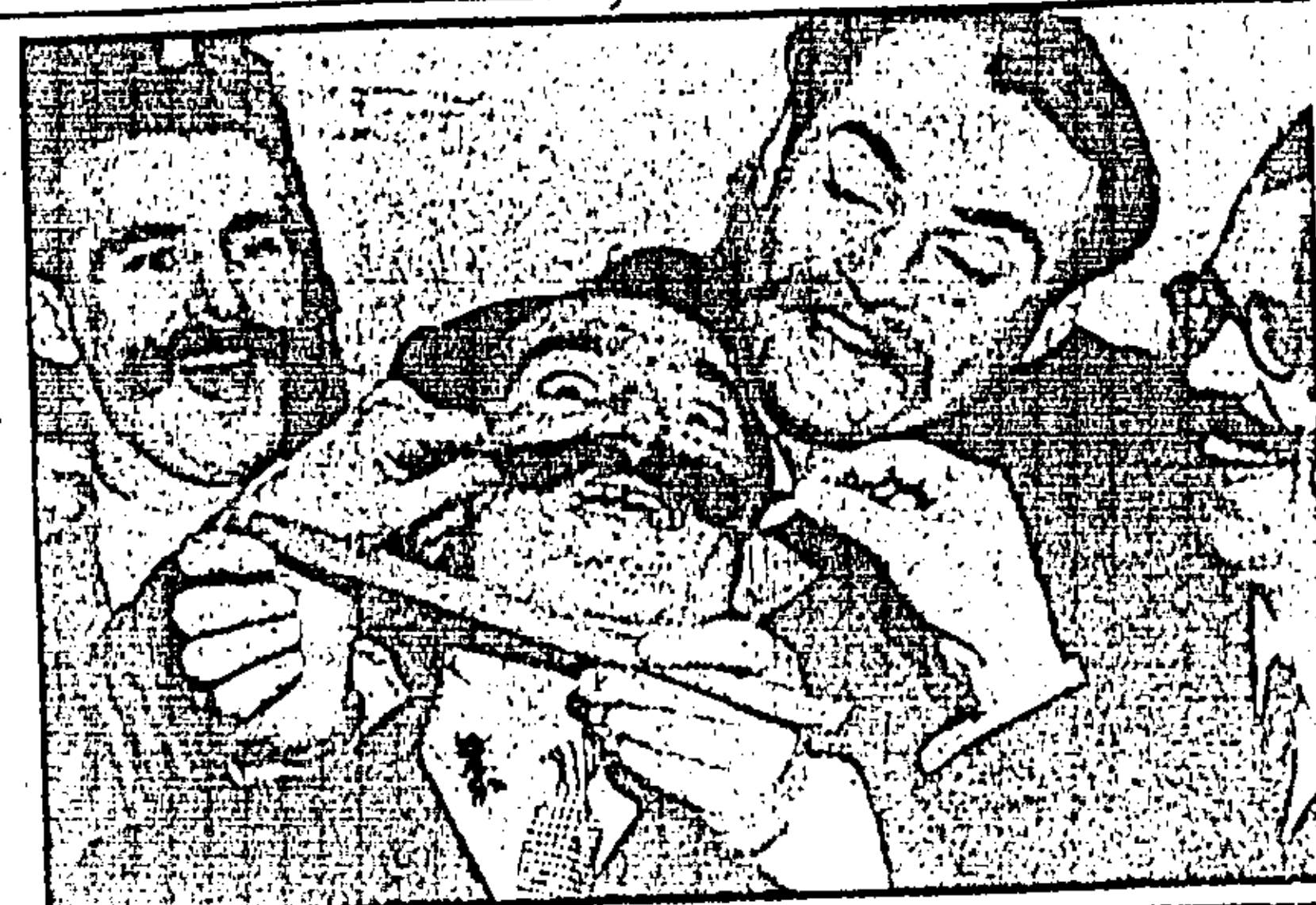
The British police said their armored car was contacted by radio and was told to go to the camp. When it arrived the police found three British guards standing under trees with the Jews preparing ropes to hang them.

They talked the Jews into surrendering the guards to them.—United Press.

### Dry-Dock Sinks: 15 Men Adrift

New York, Apr. 18.—The United States Coast Guard headquarters here reported today that a dry-dock, being towed from Bermuda, had been partly submerged 200 miles southeast of Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, and that 15 men were adrift in lifeboats.

According to a Jacksonville, Florida, report, 22 men took to the lifeboats but were rescued by the "Kevin Moran," which was towing the dry-dock. The dry dock was reported to have sunk in the Atlantic.—Reuter.



### ITALIAN GENERAL ELECTIONS

## First Day's Voting Passes Quietly

Rome, Apr. 18.—Tanks and armoured cars patrolled Rome today as 29,800,000 Italians in their first general elections for 25 years, voted for or against Communist-dominated rule. There was complete calm throughout the country.

While announcing this afternoon that voting had begun "without incident," the Ministry of the Interior warned officials to "watch forms carefully as some 'irregularities' had been found during the day's poll."

"Heads of polling stations are warned to watch that voting forms do not carry traces of writing or other signs that they may feel have been tampered with," said a Ministry statement.

Elaborate precautions were taken everywhere to maintain order. Armed police were on guard at the Prime Minister's Office.

The Prime Minister, Signor Alcide De Gasperi's, Moderate Government, facing a close challenge from the Communist Popular Front, were taking no chances. Police armed with rifles and pistols stood on guard outside the main post office and the broadcasting station in Rome.

This evening, an Army tank and 20 armed police took up positions outside the Viminale building, housing the Ministry of the Interior and the Prime Minister's office, where the electoral centre for all Italy is established.

Guards were also placed along the two main avenues commanding the entrance to the Viminale.

### MARKED PAPERS

Well-informed sources said tonight that following the discovery of many ballot papers alleged to have been already marked with a cross against the Popular Front sign (Garibaldi's Head), polling station officials had been told to hand voters their ballot papers open and not closed as hitherto.

At the great northern industrial district of Milan, the Communists queuing to vote, protested against the armoured car patrols and Carabinieri touring the villages, on the ground that it was "intimidation."

According to political observers in the other northern industrial city of Turin—a Communist stronghold—there was a growing impression that the Christian Democrats were strengthening their position and might equal the Communists in the city itself and even beat them in the surrounding districts.

Seventy per cent of the Italian electorate had cast their votes with the closing of the polls tonight, according to the Ministry of the Interior. Polling will start again tomorrow morning.

At 9.30 p.m. GMT, Rome Radio quoted Signor Mario Celba, the Minister of the Interior, as saying there had been no incidents according to reports received from provincial heads throughout the country.

### FIRST RESULTS TONIGHT

The first results are expected tomorrow night but there will be no strong figures until Tuesday evening. Final results for the Chamber will be announced on Wednesday, but those for the more complicated Senate selections may be even later.

Up to 5 p.m. here, observers estimated that some 50 per cent of Roman voters had already cast their ballot. In the capital's central districts, not more than 40 per cent had voted by then, but the figure in the suburbs was estimated at about 60 per cent.

The Popular Front tonight said the Ministry of the Interior had sent an inspector to check their claims that in certain polling centres today, ballot papers had been handed out already marked in

favour of the Christian Democrat Party.

The Ministry of the Interior, a Popular Front spokesman said, had found that some slips had been badly printed and the cross on the shield of the Christian Democrat Party's emblem was slightly out of position, thus giving the effect of a paper already marked with a voting cross.

The Popular Front said that in spite of the explanation given by the Ministry, it could not exclude the possibility that some of the ballot papers had been deliberately altered.—Reuter.

## BELLIGERENT G.I.

### Allegedly Insults Soviet Officers

Frankfurt, Apr. 18.—Two American soldiers were under arrest today after charges by members of the Russian restitution mission here that they tried to provoke a fight through abusive and profane language last night.

The charges were filed by Major Vasil Ignatiev, of the Soviet restitution mission attached to the American headquarters here.

According to the Russian major, he and another officer, Major Nikolai Ohlkin, were walking near their quarters when they were accosted by an American soldier, who, they said, did "everything in his power to cause trouble by being insulting, swearing, and attempting to get us into a fight."

"We did our best to calm him down," Major Ignatiev declared. "We explained our relative ranks to him, but he replied that he did not care what our ranks were and that he hated Russians. He continued to be so profane and abusive that we realised we could do nothing and, to avoid further embarrassment, we returned to our billets."

Major Ignatiev said that as Major Ohlkin entered his billet the soldier threw a stone through the window, narrowly missing the major.

Later, said Major Ignatiev, two Americans entered the Russian quarters and refused to leave. The American military police took them into custody.

Major General Miller White, the American Army Chief of Staff in Europe, visited the chief of the Soviet Liaison Mission today to express his regret over the incident.—Reuter.

### MUSEUM THEFT

London, Apr. 18.—Two valuable presentation swords—both gifts to the Duke of Wellington, one from the inhabitants of Bengal in 1804, the other from the Emperor Alexander of Russia in 1814—were stolen from London's Victoria and Albert Museum last night.

The swords, in scabbards encrusted with emeralds and diamonds, were valued at between £5,000 and £10,000.—Reuter.

### Plane Crash: 28 Killed

Sydney, Apr. 18.—Twenty-eight people were believed killed today when a Lockheed Hudson plane crashed on taking off from Lae, New Guinea. News reports here said 24 coloured passengers and a white crew of four were believed to be on board; all occupants were killed.

The plane was on a special charter flight, carrying the natives from Wau to the Bulolo gold fields, according to the reports.

Mr. W. H. Harper, the Australian Civil Aviation Department's chief air accident inspector, who has left by air for New Guinea, said the plane apparently lost height soon after taking off, crashed into a thick timber two miles from a thick timber, and burst into flames, killing everybody on board.—Reuter

## Passenger Caused Train Disaster?

Crewe, Apr. 18.—Police worked on a theory Sunday night that a train passenger in a hurry to get home caused a wreck which killed 24 persons.

The smash occurred early on Saturday at Winsford near Crewe when somebody stopped an express by pulling the communication cord and a fast train struck it from behind. One of the 24 injured died in a hospital today.

One officer assigned to the investigation told reporters:

"If anyone stopped the train to alight at Winsford instead of travelling the additional 10 miles to Crewe, they would have saved themselves a whole night's wait at Crewe for a morning bus or a train back to Winsford."

George Curzon, whose house is across a field a quarter of a mile from the tracks, said he was awakened by the sound of running footsteps just before he heard the rumble of the crash.

Looking out of the window he said he saw a man with a brief case hurry across a field, jump a fence and run out of sight.

In an appeal for the person who pulled the cord to come forward, police pointed out that the maximum penalty for the offence is £5.—Associated Press.

### EDITORIAL

## Victory For Chiang

GENERALISSIMO Chiang Kai-shek, it would appear, is about to score one of the cleverest political victories of his career. He is certain to be elected the first President of the Chinese Republic under the new constitution, and with such wide emergency powers as to afford him the same dictatorial position he has enjoyed for the past ten years. Chiang's manoeuvres to place himself in such an unassailable position have been skillfully planned and carried out. When he first announced that he would not be a Kuomintang nominee for the Presidency, it was believed in some quarters that the Generalissimo was seeking to withdraw from a position of prominence in politics, but it now transpires that he had the serious intention of forfeiting the Presidency while it was available on his own terms. He has scored all along the line. Firstly he has succeeded (partly by his tactics and partly because he is the only obvious choice) in having himself nominated by the National Assembly, thereby fulfilling his own condition that he must be a non-party nomination; secondly in winning for himself important emergency powers; thirdly by obtaining from Assembly delegates approval of his formula that all amendments to the constitution, save those conferred by the emergency powers, be dropped until a provisional session of the National Assembly (to be called not later than Christmas Day,

1950. Chiang has thus paved the way for two years of personal government under what is known as a constitution. All in all this is probably the best temporary solution to China's problem of national administration. The Assembly has clearly shown that it has not yet educated itself to a point where it can safely be entrusted with the task of governing on behalf of the people, especially in the present period of acute crisis. True, there has been some penetrating and useful criticism of the National Government for its mishandling of military and financial affairs; criticism which cannot be ignored either by the Generalissimo or his colleagues; but few signs have been manifested that the Assembly is capable of laying aside narrow partisanship on big national issues, and working out a formula which will resolve the problems. Urgent action is demanded if the Nationalists are to preserve central and southern China from the Communists, and quick reforms are needed if the country is to be restored from its financial and economic plight. One man, with a well formulated programme and unrestricted by vacillating influences, might succeed in this task, and Chiang Kai-shek may prove to be that man. The responsibilities which he is assuming are as great as the emergency powers with which he is being endowed. The future of China, to all intents and purposes, lies in the hands of the Generalissimo.

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# WOMANSENSE

## Seersucker At Home



Pretty and practical brunch coat.

By VERA WINSTON

SEERSUCKER, that dependable cotton fabric, so easy to wash, since it requires no ironing, is a constant favourite for everyday house-coats. Here the crinkled fabric is used for a practical little brunch coat. Black is used for the snug top, print for the collar and skirt. Gay flower motifs look delightful fresh on the black ground, a novelty, since navy blue seems to be the darkest ground generally used for seersucker. The lapover coat ties with a snail. Practical cap sleeves are another detail.

## INNERWEAR UNDER THE OUTERWEAR

THE chemise, the camisole and that thing the 20's knew as a "teddy" are back under the outerwear again today, says a United Press report from New York.

The simple slip that served all purposes for almost 20 years is getting pushed into the back ground. Full skirts started it. They needed petticoats. Petticoats are all very well to swish out the skirt, but they're strictly immodest above the waist.

Daring souls wandered around with nothing under the tops of their dresses, or only a bra. Timid ladies snarled their knees in a slip and a petticoat in order to remain decent. Then the underwear folks caught on. Today the ladies have a fancy choice, most of it right out of the 30's.

### Supposed To Be Seen

The chemise—known as a corset cover in the days when it did—is usually the fanciest of the lot. Cut to meet the petticoat at the waistline, it's often trimmed with a fine array of lace, ruffles, and ribbons. It has wide shoulder straps, designed to cover the bra. It's supposed to be seen, of course, through a sheer blouse.

The chemise is more like but loose than a slip. It, too, may have a fancy top for peeking, but it's more apt to look like a conventional pretty slip. It ends at the hipline, offering some room for tuck-in at the top of the petticoat.

The "teddy" or combination is the thing that was all there was under lots of those above-the-knee dresses of the 20's. It has a slip-like top and a loose pair of panties. Some of them have built-in bras.

And don't forget the petticoat.

### CROSSWORD ANSWER

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## WHEN A CHILD IS TIMID & LONELY

By Garry Cleveland Myers, Ph.D.

I read many letters about the lonely, timid youth, who nearly always was the lonely, timid child at five, three, two or earlier.

The child who has no one near his age to play with before he enters school has a hard time to become comfortable and happy with his schoolmates. At school he may cry to go home to his mother; or at home, to stay there on school days. He may give the teacher no end of trouble over his tattling on other children on the playground or on the way to and from school. Other children may find him stubborn and quarrelsome, or he may want to stay near his teacher while the other children play. He may even be hard for his teacher to manage in the classroom. There's hardly a behaviour problem you could name which this child might not fall heir to.

### NO PLAYMATES

Of one of these children who had practically no playmates during his preschool years his mother writes: "He is in the first grade and apparently he is excellent in his reading, writing and arithmetic. But—behaviour is another thing. His teacher has phoned me a number of times telling me that he shouts, and speaks out of turn and creates a disturbance in the classroom. This doesn't happen occasionally—it's a daily occurrence, much to my dismay."

## WHEN REST MAY PROVE INJURIOUS

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D.

PATIENTS with rheumatoid arthritis, a disease in which there is so much pain in the joints, quite naturally tend to remain as still as possible. To insist that they exercise tender muscles and stiffening joints may seem like cruelty, but there is probably no disorder in which exercise is of more importance because gentle movement at the right time does so much to prevent the deformities and the permanent fixing of the joints so characteristic of this affliction.

### Proper Posture

During the early, acute phase, rest in bed is often desirable, but so many patients develop deformities during this time that it should not be prolonged one day beyond what is absolutely necessary. What is needed is a careful balance between rest and exercise.

It is important that proper posture be maintained through use of a firm mattress or a board under the mattress. Pillows under the knees and shoulders should not be allowed, since this practice may lead to deformities of the joints.

While the patient is in bed, the application of heat to the affected joints and massage of the muscles may be helpful.

### Ability To Move

Muscle exercises can be carried out many times each day by the bed patient. Often, when the joints are acutely inflamed, gentle exercise several times a day by slow, guided movements given by a specialist should be employed. Of course, the movements should never be forced. During this time, such preparations as the salicylates, which relieve pain, may be administered so that the patient's ability to move will be increased.

It is only in those instances where the pain is quite severe that no exercise can be taken. The physician must decide in each case how much exercise the patient can take without producing an increase in the pain and spasm of the muscles.

The exercises should be arranged on a daily schedule and not just several times a week. The amount of exercise can be gradually increased as the pain disappears and the muscles become stronger.

"His conduct at home is far above average—he has kept his toys in good shape, kept his room neat, is perfectly contented reading or being read to, or given a pencil and paper to write on."

Many a child with no playmates at home before entering school or even later is easily managed at home. Sometimes a mother will actually try to keep her tot from other children lest he learn bad ways from them. I know a certain former college president who had his sons tutored for several years "so they might not be contaminated with children at school." Such parents are not seeing even to the tip of their noses.

It is quite possible for a child so coddled in a social vacuum at home to be a non-conformist at school. At home he must make adjustments only to his parents, who never of turn. At school he must adapt himself to many other children. Just the presence of so many children in the classroom may make him feel tense or excited.

### ONLY CHILD

Usually this non-social child is an only child. His parents might, of course, change his loneliness by having another child of their own or by adopting one.

Even in a family of two or more children who are siblings, each child needs to have one or more children near his age for playmates and for competition on approximately equal footing.

In answering this mother I suggested she train her son at home in consideration of the rights of others there, attract some playmates to the home and guide her boy in sharing with them and being a good host; that, moreover, the teacher be assured she is expected to require of the lad a reasonable conformity at school to the rights and welfare of the other pupils.

## Keep an Eye on the Scales



To keep thighs, calves and shoulders trim, Nanette Fabray, musical comedy star, does this exercise. Grasping each ankle, she walks backward and forward.

By HELEN FOLLETT

IT is nice to be curvaceous, especially north of the waist line. It is an unhappy state to be too hefty. Flips or no hips; new look or old; keep a weather eye on the bath room scales!

Excess weight slows up activities. The body does not get sufficient exercise to keep blood streams scampering. Finding nappy clothes is a distressing project. With spread armpits, one's youthful figure seems far away.

If you have been adding a few pounds now and then you can get rid of them easily enough by not feeding them. They live, thrive and multiply on fats, sweets and starches. Cut these food elements down to the limit and slenderness will be yours again. Close your eyes when the cream puffs are passed. Run fast when you see a sweet shop.

Diet should consist of lean meats, fish that is not fat, other seafood, vegetables, especially green salad, fresh fruit, fruit juices, buttermilk, cottage cheese, poultry.

Forgo the ease and pleasure of the family car. Get out and hoof it. Pump your lungs full of fresh air. Sleep lightly and briskly. You can't do that without sensible shoes.

Ten minutes, night and morning, do torso twisting. It will reduce the waist line. Stand tall, hands out in front on a line with the shoulders, palms downward. Send the hands far to the right six times, turning the body, pivoting at the waist line. Six times to the left and repeat. It is the mid section that takes on adipose tissue and for good reason. It is the part of the body that gets practically no muscle flexing.

A good exercise to trim thighs, calves and shoulders is as follows: start with feet about a foot and a half apart, then grasp an ankle in each hand and walk backwards and forwards.

## BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

### The Umbrella Was Unhappy

—It Only Enjoyed Itself On a Rainy Day—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF, the shadow-boy with the turned-around name, was passing the closet door when he heard a voice say: "Pardon me, young man; does it look like rain today?"

In surprise, Knarf peered inside the dark closet. He could make out some coats hanging from hooks, some shoes and rubbers standing on the floor, and an umbrella leaning back against the corner of the wall.

As none of these things were accustomed to talk, Knarf thought that he must have imagined having heard anything. He started to walk away. As he did so, the same voice called out: "Young man! I've asked you a question! Does it look like rain today, or doesn't it?"

### Shook A Little

Knarf whirled around and peered sharply into the closet again. This time the head of the umbrella shook a little as it said: "Well, have you lost your tongue? What are you staring at me like that for? Yes, I've been talking to you! Umbrellas can talk as well as anyone else. If they want to!"

"Oh!" said Knarf.

"Does it look as if it's going to rain today, or doesn't it?"

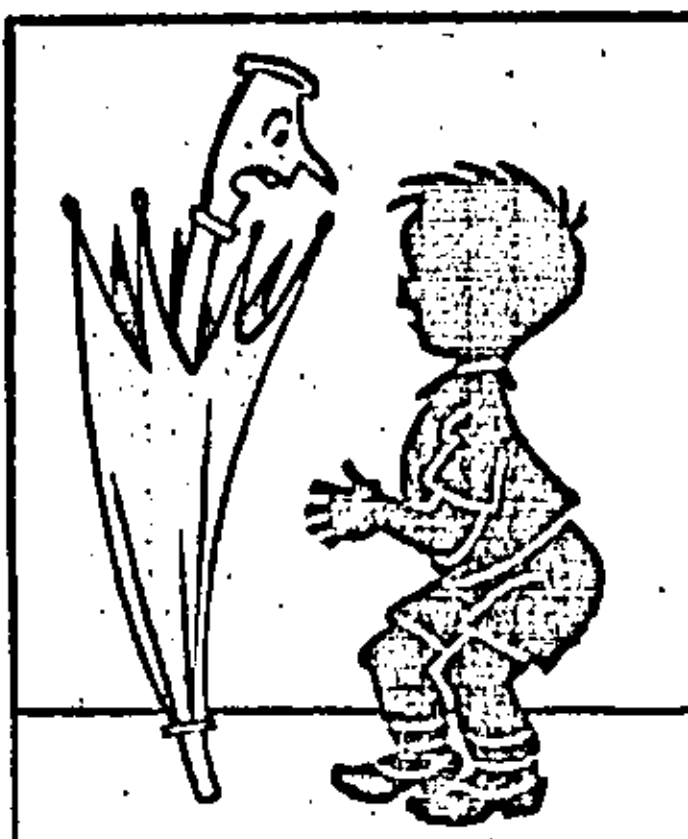
By this time Knarf had got over most of his surprise. So he answered: "It's a beautiful day today. There isn't a cloud in the sky."

"Thank you, young man." Then the umbrella addressed the raincoats on the hooks and the pairs of rubbers on the floor. "There! Another one of these fine miserable days! A sunshiny day with not a cloud in the sky! How awful!"

Knarf said: "I don't see anything awful about a sunshiny day. Every-one else likes it!"

"But we don't!" cried the umbrella, the rubbers and the raincoats all together.

"When the sun is shining, we have to stay in this closet!" said the rubbers.



"Young man! I asked a question," the umbrella said to Knarf.

"We can't go out!" added the raincoats.

"A rainy day is a beautiful day for us!" said the umbrella.

At this all the other things in the closet—the shoes, the hats and coats, the dresses and jackets and even a newspaper that father had left lying on the shelf—started shouting that rainy days weren't good for anything, but to get soaking wet, in.

### Flowers Wouldn't Grow

"If it weren't for the rain, the flowers wouldn't grow!" the umbrella answered angrily.

"If it weren't for the sunshine, they wouldn't grow either!" the other things shouted back.

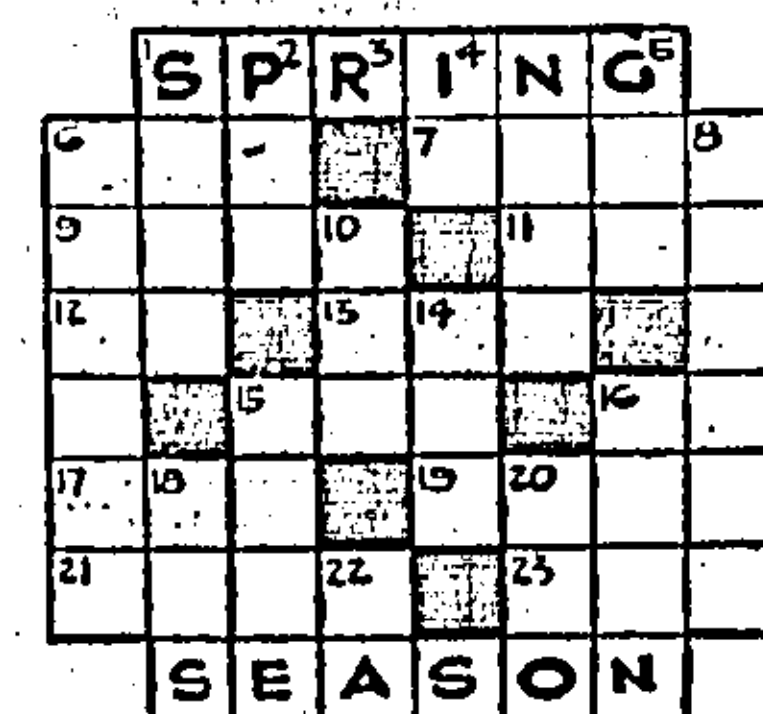
But finally the newspaper rustled its pages and said it had something to say that was important. There was silence. "I've got the weather report, my friends. Just listen to what it says about tomorrow's weather. 'Rain in the morning.' 'Wheel!' cried the umbrella, the rubbers and the raincoats joyfully. —followed by clearing in the afternoon."

"Who-hoo!" cried all the other things, equally joyful.

Knarf walked away from the closet, glad that the quarrel over the weather was settled. But he couldn't help thinking how what was bad for one was good for another, even rain.

## CROSSWORD

Two hints will keep this puzzle from being difficult:



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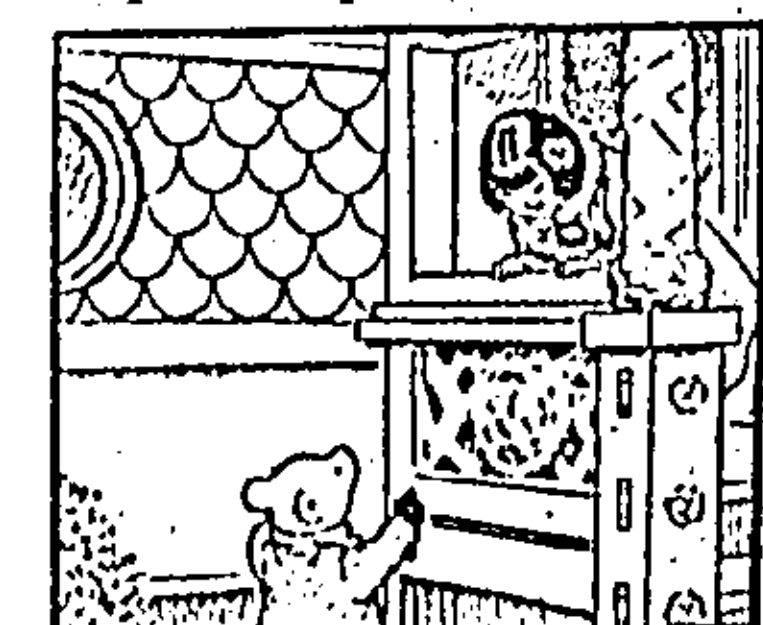
1 Painful 2 Hawaiian food 3 Exists 4 Nostrils 5 Gazelle 6 Least wild 8 Kind of stockings 10 Lair 14 Station (abbrev.) 15 Weight allowance 16 Mountain lake 18 Footlike part 20 Lion 22 Mother.

Answers to this puzzle appears elsewhere on this page.

## HERE'S A TIP

Don't be afraid of being beaten at any game. It's no disgrace. It is only when a beginner pits his or her skill against an expert that he begins to move out of the novice class and starts to learn more about the pastime. An invitation to play against experienced players in any field should be a challenge that is always accepted. Very often it's a tribute to your sportsmanship, or your skill.

## Rupert helps Dr. Lion—15



Tigerlily, the conjurer's daughter, sees Rupert as he runs to the house, and she comes to the door to meet him. "Dr. Lion wants a lot of sunshine to cure all the people with colds," he says breathlessly. "I do hope you haven't got colds, too. Do you think your daddy could wave a wand and make the sun shine?" Tigerlily smiles. "My daddy can do wonderful tricks that we know nothing of," she says. "You come in and ask him. We both had colds very bad, but they much better now."

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## RED RYDER



Spotted

BY FRED HARMAN





# WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



**ITALIAN ARMY PARADES MIGHT**—Units of Italy's army move down Rome's Via Del Fori Imperiali in the biggest show of power since Mussolini's day. In the procession was mobile equipment furnished by the Allies, including eight American Sherman tanks, British armoured cars and heavy mobile artillery pieces. The government left no doubt that the display, coming before the country's elections, was intended to warp Communists and reassure anti-Communists.



**WINNER** — Annette De-lattre was awarded a trip to Hollywood after winning a beauty contest in Brussels, Belgium.



**SIXTY YEARS A PRIEST**—Peter Amigo, aged 83, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Southwark, England, is surrounded by children as he leaves the Church of the English Martyrs, Walworth, after singing high mass to celebrate his 60th anniversary as a priest.



**NEW USAF CHIEF**—Gen. Carl Spaatz retires on July 1 as Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force and will be succeeded by Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg (above), nephew of Senator Arthur M. Vandenberg, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.



**ARABS STUDY WEAPONS**—Arabs armed with modern guns receive instruction from an officer near Nablus, Central Palestine.



**WHERE THE BUFFALO ROAM**—Buffalo graze on the 6,000-acre Double Heart ranch, north of San Angelo, Texas. Long extinct in their wild state, the shaggy beasts are protected on several other West Texas ranches, where hundreds of thousands of their forbears ranged in pioneer days. The herd on this ranch consists of about 20 grown animals and calves.



**CONFERENCE IN HAVANA**—Some of the delegates to the United Nations Employment and Trade Conference meet in Havana to finish work on a charter for a proposed international trade organisation. Simultaneous interpretation booths like those in the background help to break down language barriers.



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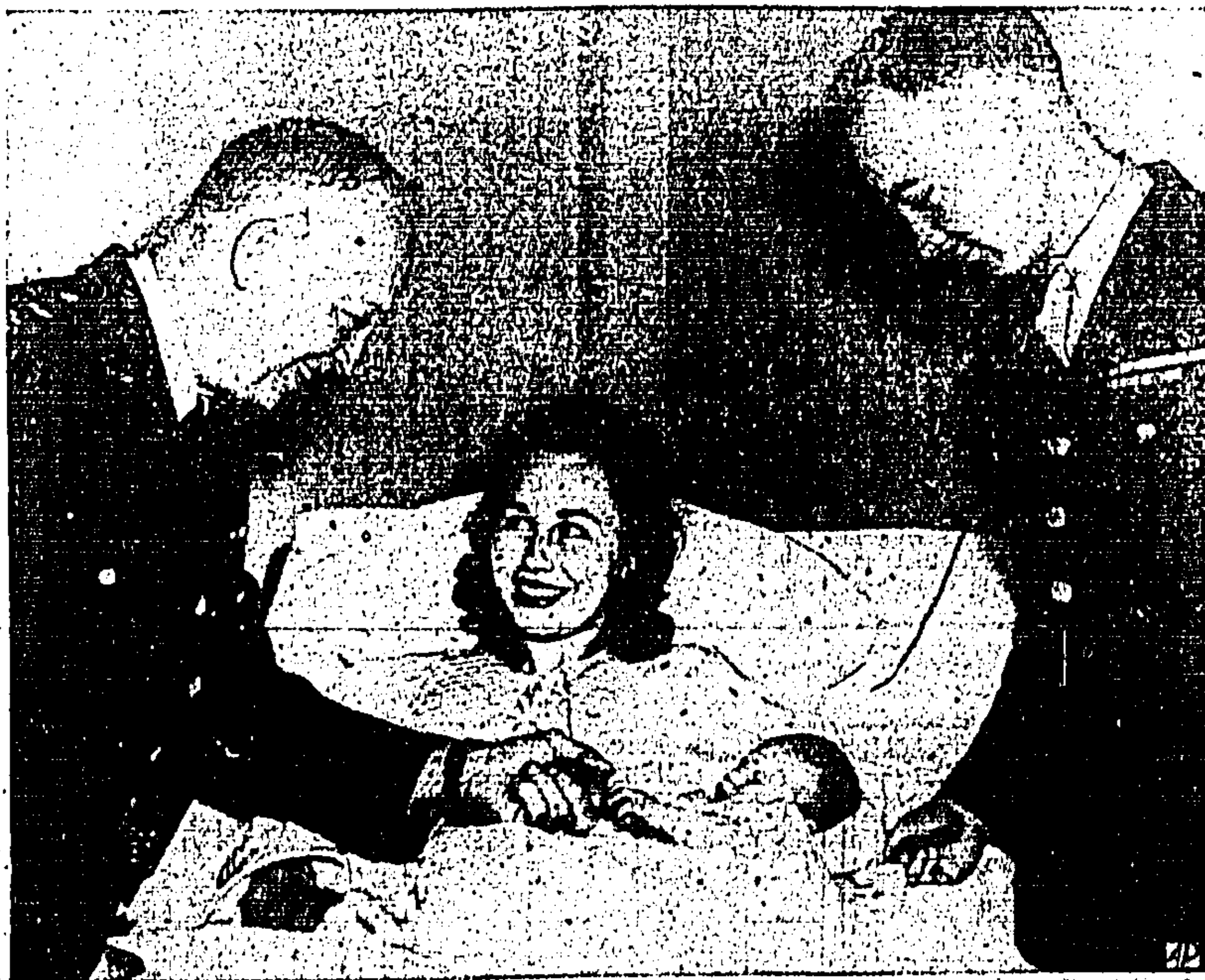
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**IKE VISITS GRANDSON**—Cradled in the arms of his mother, four-day-old Dwight David Eisenhower II meets his famous grandfather, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower (left), for the first time at the station hospital, West Point, New York. At right is Capt. John D. Eisenhower, the general's son. He and the former Jean Thompson were married last June.



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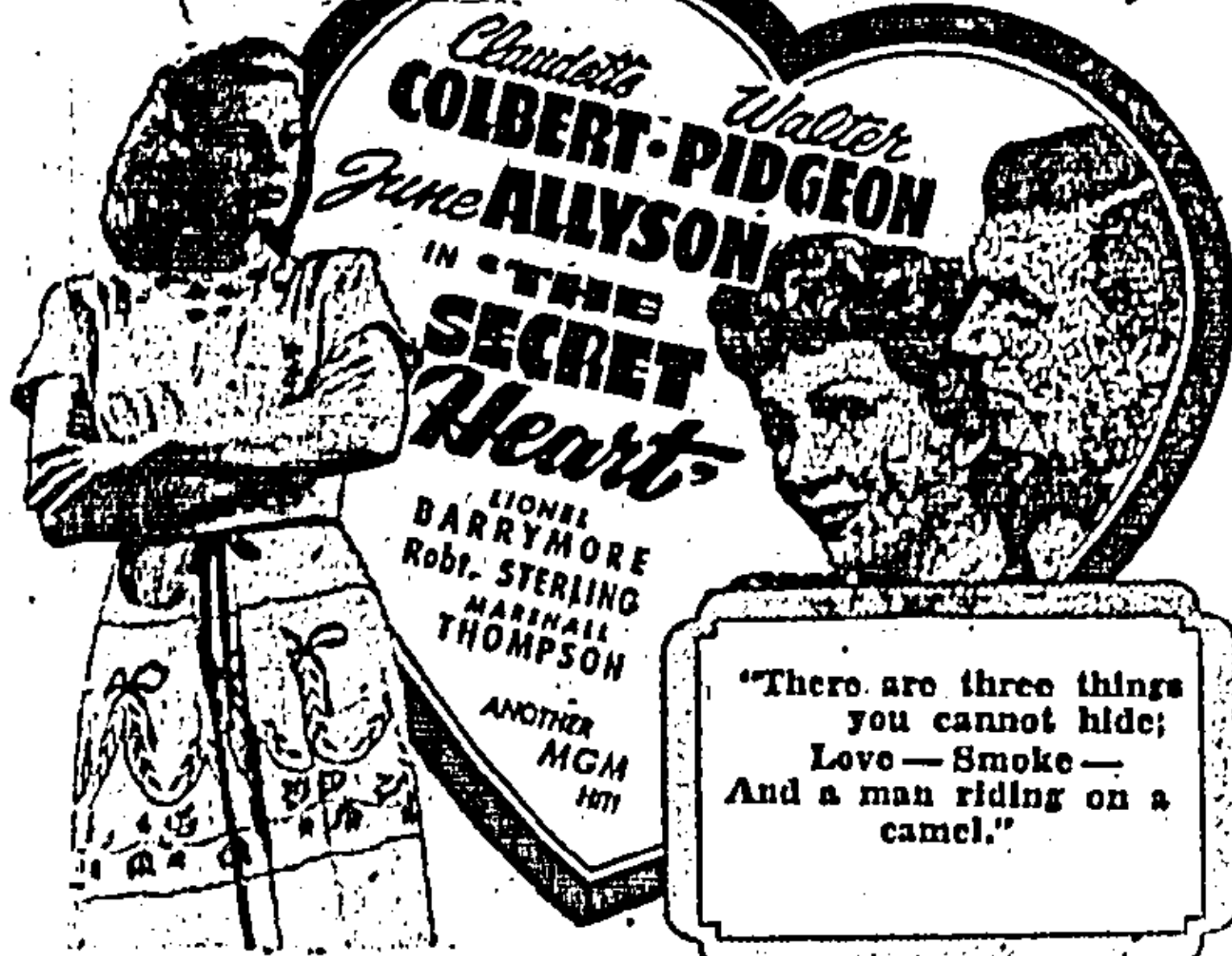


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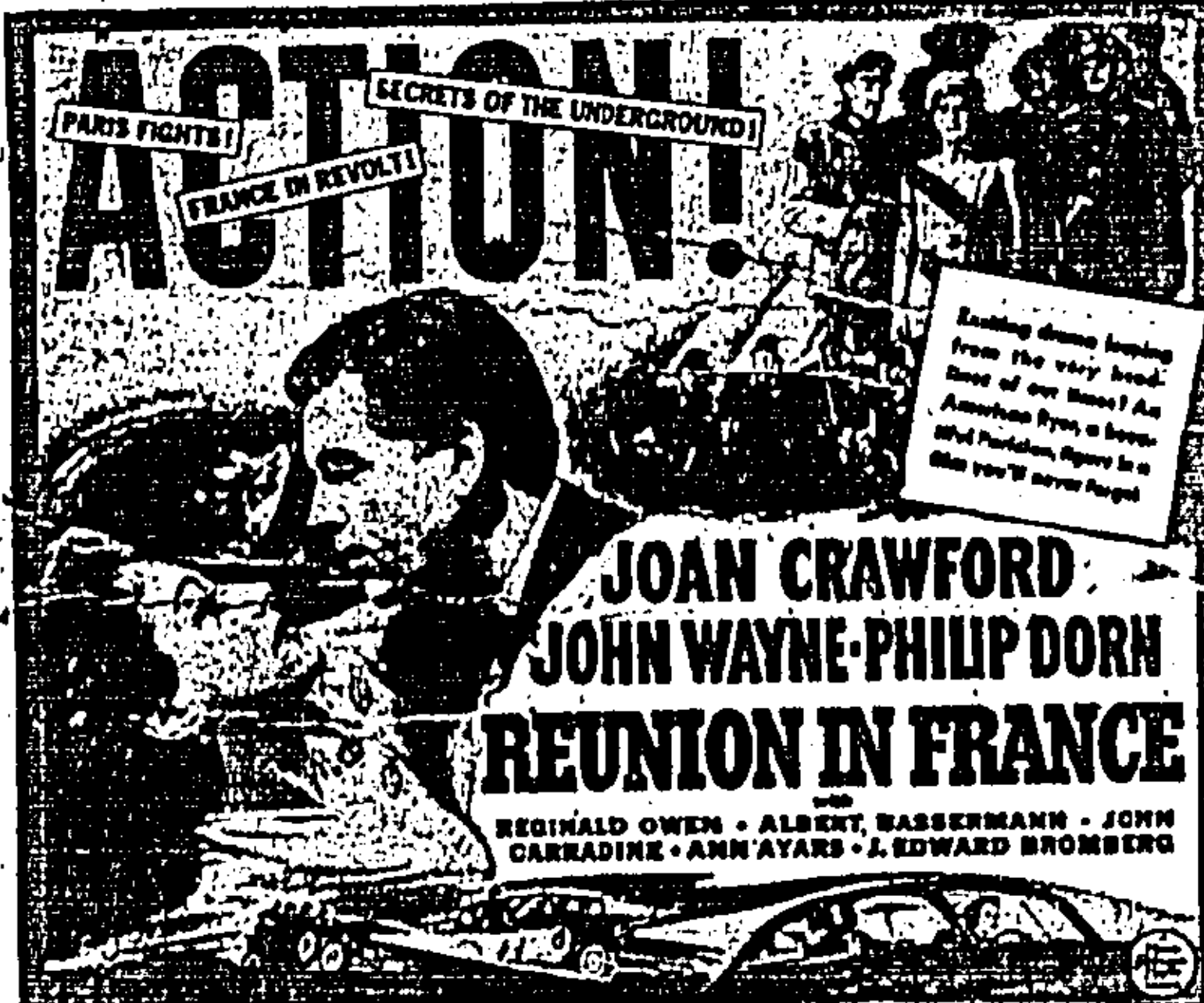
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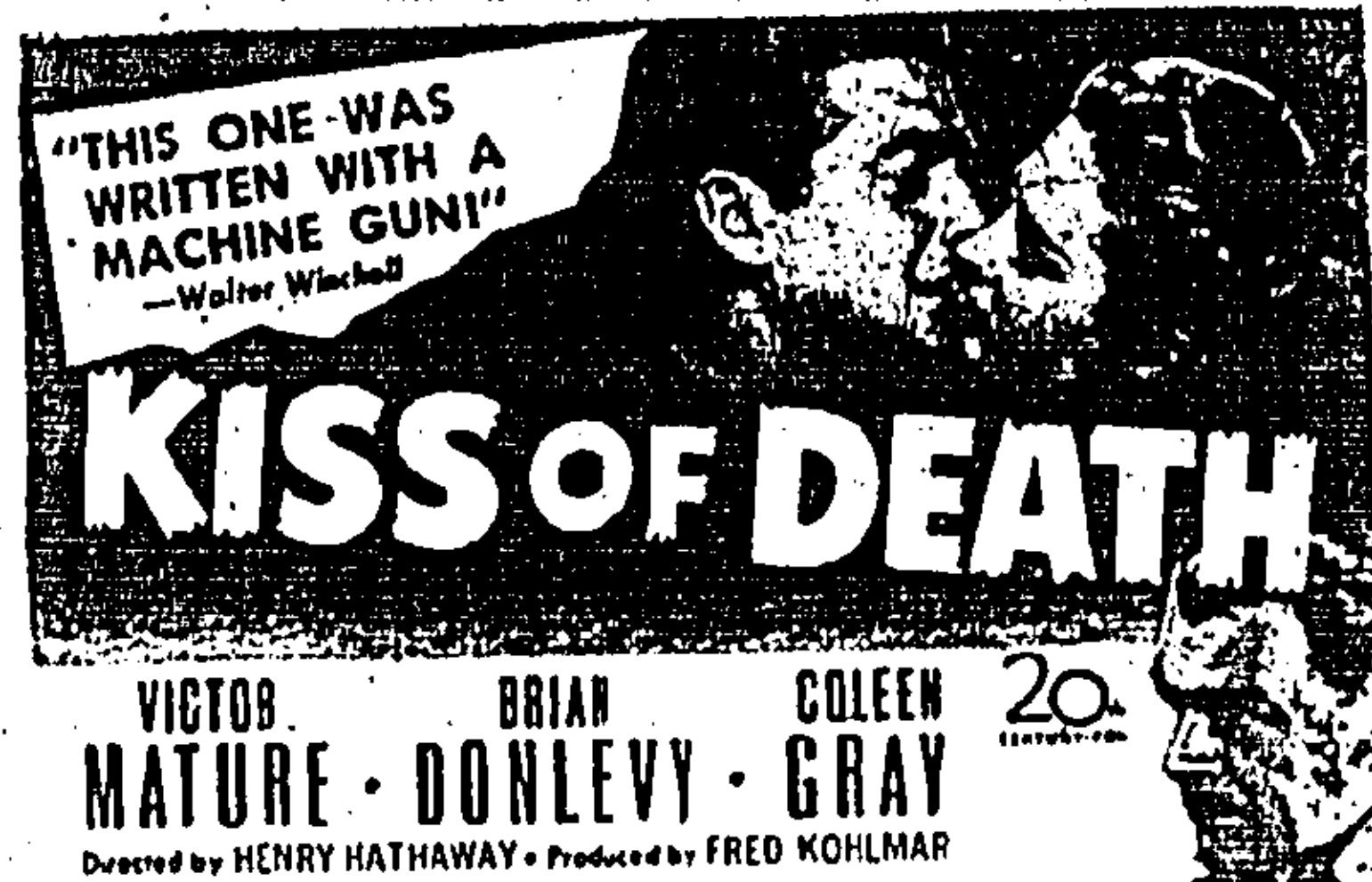
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# Berlin crisis poses question 'Did Russia load a legal trap?'

THE Berlin showdown is the most dangerous situation which the political war between the Soviet Union and the Western Powers has yet produced. One side or the other will have to back down before it is all over.

And that may not be so simple.

For this time the stage is not set in far-away Persia, where Stalin backed down in 1946 without anyone taking very much notice. Or in Ankara, where the Turks rejected Moscow's demands without Stalin losing face. This time the setting is Berlin, and the world's limelights are full on.

All the more amazing—and alarming—is it therefore that the Western Powers have allowed this situation to come upon them without making every preparation for it. Particularly so as all the experts have been predicting it for the last six months. True, we committed ourselves with a series of high-powered announcements to staying in Berlin "come what might."

But it was not until last week—when the battle for Berlin had actually started—that any of the competent officials in Berlin, Frankfurt, London, Paris, or Washington bothered to look up the agreements covering the Four-Power government of Berlin.

When they did—behold, they were found to be vague and full of ambiguities.

Certainly the Soviet Note from General Grotovskii shows that the Russians regard themselves as completely within their legal rights in the action they have taken so far, provocative, discourteous, and aggressive as it was. We may have fallen into a legal trap specially set for us way back in 1945.

Everyone had assumed that an agreement was then concluded that made the Autobahn, road and the railway to Berlin a kind of quadripartite corridor on which the Russians had no special rights, although it passed through their zone.

But the only document that could be found with any bearing at all on the Autobahn and the railway is a note taken of a staff meeting between the British and the Russians in June 1945.

AND, according to this note, it was agreed that the Autobahn should be used for the "maintenance of Berlin," that the Russians should keep it in repair, and control the traffic. Control should consist in the examination of documents. Every traveller had to have a pass. There was to be no restriction in the number of vehicles.

About the railway nothing more was said than that "full running rights" should be provided.

There was nothing about transport rights to Berlin in the November 1944 agreement of the European Advisory Council which laid down that an inter-Allied government should be established in Berlin. Nor did the declaration of July 5, 1945, say anything. But that declaration did state on other points quite specifically. It said: The inter-Allied governing authority (in Berlin) "will operate under the general authority of the Control Council."

NOW, the Soviet thesis is that such time as the Control Council ceases to exist, the quadripartite administration, which derives its authority from the council, must also cease to exist.

And if in such circumstances the British, French and Americans refuse to leave Berlin, why then—so the Russians claim—the Soviet authorities would be within their rights in freezing Westerners out of their

zone. They would refuse the Westerners the transport facilities for bringing in the food, fuel, and raw materials needed for their sector of Berlin, and without which their administration must collapse.

So far, the Russians have not tried to enforce this drastic measure. They have contented themselves with gratuitously obstructing Berlin traffic, setting up new check points, and asserting their right to enter Allied trains and see that no one is travelling on them without a proper pass. We stopped running the trains rather than admit this. We did so presumably because we were angry over their other tactics.

It was not a very logical gesture. For we admit that Allied travellers must have passes. We are prepared to have them show their passes to the Russians either through the



windows or out on the platform. But we refuse to allow the Russians to board the train, though this is clearly the only way they can assure themselves that there is no one on the train without a pass.

I am aware of the long-term objectives behind the Communist war against Western democracy of which their Berlin pressure forms a part. I have seen the way they have established a ruthless despotism in country after country. It may be necessary to be tough with the Russians in resisting their encroachments. But we must be tough within the law.

Sir Brian Robertson would do well to issue without delay a full statement on our legal position in the present crisis.

## Inspired . . .

ITALY'S organ-grinders were sent into the propaganda battle of the Italian elections.

I was having a vermouli in Rome's Piazza Canova the other evening when a hurdy-murdy man complete with lucky monkey went from table to table distributing pink, green and blue fortune-teller slips.

The monkey handed a pink one to the girl with me.

"Lady," she read, "Do not be surprised if, in a few days' time, you receive a long, ardent letter from

one of your lovers. He is a young man who loves you dearly and sincerely, and who is seriously thinking of marrying you.

"The marriage will be possible if the situation in Italy does not become worse. Italy, sorely tried by the war, is slowly recovering, thanks to the assistance of America, which sends free of charge more than half the flour which is consumed, all the coal to keep the trains running and to enable the factories to work as well as petrol for the engines."

"If that help were to cease there would be hunger, disorder, unemployment, and the young man who loves you would find it more difficult to adapt himself and make a home. But the aid will not fail, because the Italians are intelligent and will not give way to those who deny God. You will be able to make your dreams of love come true, and become a wise, happy wife, and a loving mother."

A delicious dream, conceived in the heart. An elegant young man. Who will give you love."

My Italian friends believe that this "subtle" effort was the work of an American psychological warfare agency now busy in Italy.

## That's better

STRANGE news comes from S. FRANCE, where a United Nations Conference is being held on freedom of information.

The Americans put forward a resolution that "all monopolies in information media, but particularly those of a governmental nature, should be avoided." Britain opposed this resolution. And, according to United Nations Press Release 868, the British delegate explained that his reason for doing so was that "the development of socialism in Britain would inevitably lead to the establishment of further Government monopolies, particularly the B.B.C."

The British delegate is Mr. Ernest Davies, M.P. I sent a message to him in Geneva asking him to explain what he meant by "further government monopolies."

Mr. Davies does not feel that Press Release 868 "does not faithfully reproduce his actual words."

The statement, he says, should have read:—

"Development of socialism in Britain, inevitably led to the establishment of governmental monopolies as was the case with the B.B.C."

He declares that in amending the American text he was thinking only of radicalising the Press. Important disclaimer. Thank you, Mr. Davies.

# How France is forcing down prices

by JOAN HARRISON

PARIS. PREMIER ROBERT SCHUMAN'S French Government passed into law at the beginning of this month a series of cost-of-living cuts, ranging from seven percent in the price of electricity to removal of all luxury taxes.

On the face of it everything should therefore be cheaper, but nothing is accomplished simply in France, and the price cuts are not quite what they seem.

Almost every type of consumer goods has doubled in price since last year. The increase has been 30 percent since January, so that the Government's decrease is really a very small drop. But it is a start along the way to recovery.

## Three-way pull

Essentially the three-way pull in France at the moment between Gaullism, Communism, and the present "Third Force" Government is all a question of

which system can provide more and cheaper food and goods. It is the only argument which will woo votes.

The Schuman Government, uneasily in power for the last four months, will stay only if its attempt to force down prices succeeds. It has on its side:

- 1 An expected bumper fruit and vegetable crop.
- 2 The best wheat yield forecast.
- 3 Coal stocks at prewar level for the first time.

These assets, with greater foreign spending power, bringing dollars and sterling into France, have led the Government to yield to public demand for cheaper living.

Against it is the Communist-controlled Labour Confédération, which has rejected the new Government measures as inadequate, and demanded a further increase of £2 a month for minimum salary workers.

In November, after the nationwide strike, the Government granted a wage increase of 25s. a month. The C.G.T. then split and the break-away "Workers' Force," repre-

sented about 20 percent of French trade unions, was formed, led by veteran Leon Jouhaux.

A month ago he told Premier Schuman: "If you want me to keep control of the Workers' Force you must decrease prices."

The Government needs to keep Jouhaux on its side, as wedge against the Communists. So now, when the start of the summer season makes food more plentiful Schuman launches his price cuts.

## Coal price cut

A corps of police inspectors will go to work to see that the percentage decreases are made effective to January price level. Without this inspection traders step up prices and then make the seven or ten percent reduction from the augmented bill. Food prices are expected to be lowered in the next few weeks.

Main cuts already made are ten percent on coal and seven percent on electricity both Government controlled.

Others, from five percent to ten percent, are on woollen goods, knitting wool, shoes, laundry, wood and household equipment.

End of the luxury tax means slightly cheaper restaurants and less expensive silks, millinery and notions, and will help the tourist industry. The pound sterling will go a lot further now in Paris than in Brussels, Geneva or Rome.

A meal in a first class restaurant will cost 30s. instead of £2, and in the smaller restaurants 10s. instead of 12s. 6d.



# CANADA IS LOSING THE BRAINS, LEFT WITH THE BRAUN

By JAMES COOPER

THE greatest shock I have had in Canada is to find that the Dominion is fighting not only to attract immigrants, but every bit as hard to stop its own people emigrating to the United States.

For every ten people who come to Canada nine migrate south of the border. Between 1851 and 1941 6,700,000 people came to Canada and 6,300,000 left it, making Canada little more than a railway waiting-room for the North-American continent.

In the first two years after the war Canadian emigrants to the United States outnumbered immigrants to Canada excluding war brides. In 1945 the net loss to the States was 10,504. In 1946 the loss jumped to 18,776.

## LEAKING AWAY

IT is estimated that in 1947 48,000 people migrated south. Most of them a brainy trust of doctors, professors, technicians, engineers.

It is like the school problem of a tap filling a bath at ten gallons a minute, and the plughole emptying it at nine gallons a minute. But it cannot be solved by arithmetic, for

the water filling the bath is not of the same quality as that running from it. Ten untrained workers cannot replace nine skilled craftsmen. Ten tailors from a displace persons' camp cannot replace nine doctors. Ten farmworkers from Holland cannot do the work of nine university professors. Brain for import does not equal brains for export.

The Ontario Department of Health asked 100 Canadian university graduates and 60 Canadian-trained doctors now living in the States: Why is it that almost as many graduates emigrated last year as received diplomas from Canadian universities?

Of the 100 graduates, six took the trouble to reply. Their answers are typified by the one who wrote: "Opportunities of making money are greater across the border. Isn't that what is happening in Britain?"

More than 20 United States universities have presidents who were born in Canada. Canadian John Bartlet Breiner, professor of history at Columbia University, says: "An inertia among entrenched elders trained in Canadian life of colour, which comes from the free-ranging experimentation in ideas."

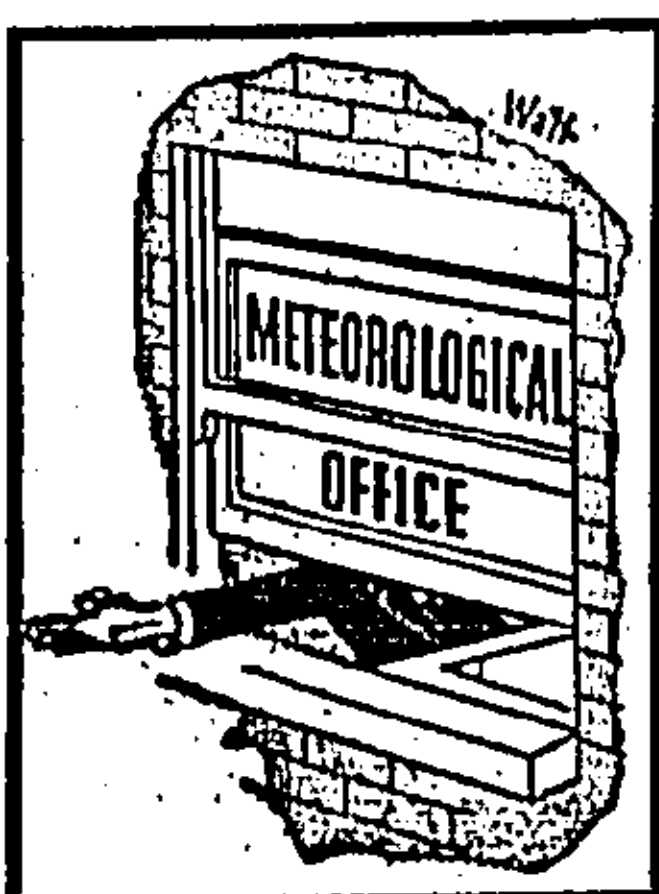
Isn't that what is happening in Britain?

## TAX BURDEN

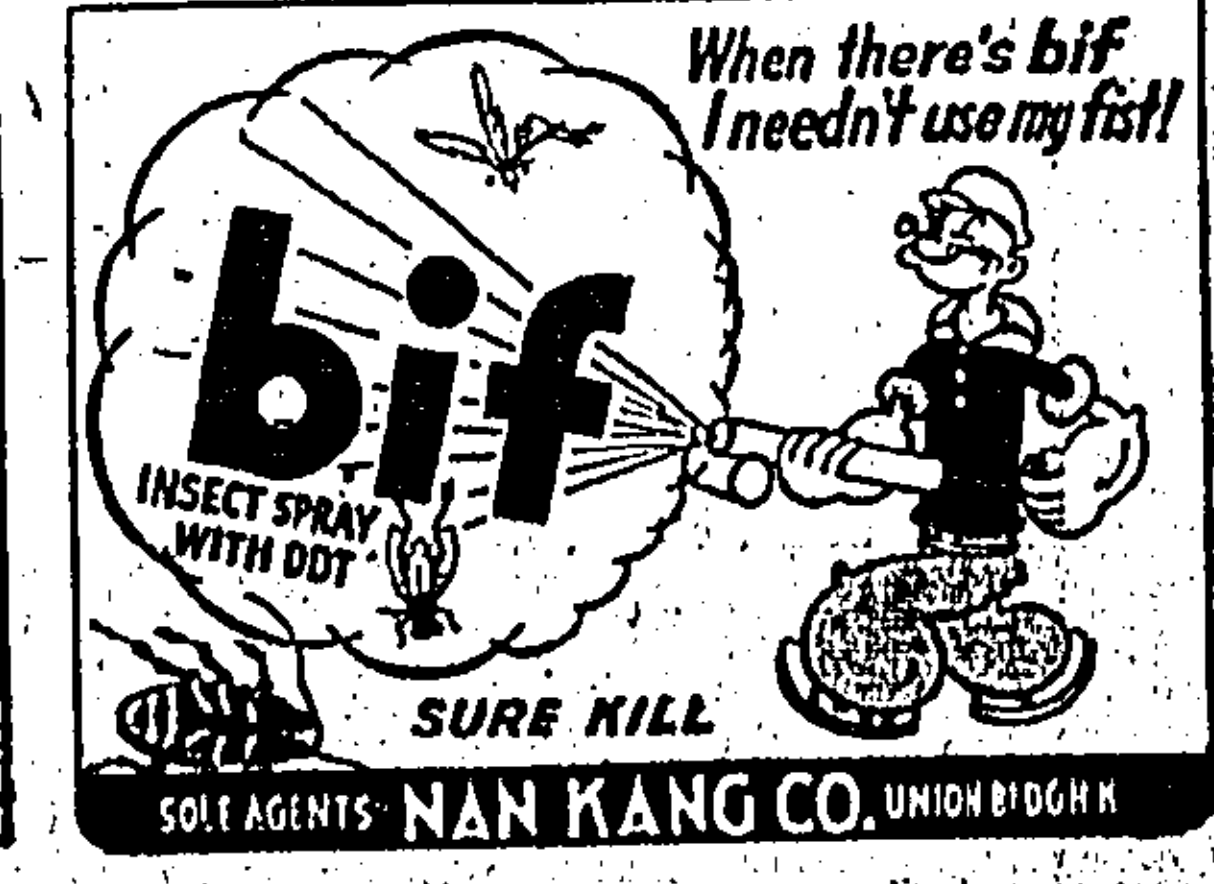
THE Montreal Board of Trade blames higher taxation, and gives figures showing that a married man earning £1,000 a year pays £100 in income tax in Canada. £127 in the United States; one earning £2,500 pays £260 in Canada, £500 in the United States. Isn't that what is happening in Britain?

It is the young men, the skilled men, who want to leave Canada. So much so that the United States Immigration offices in Canada are having to set up waiting lists for specialists in their early twenties who want to enter the States.

Isn't that what is happening at the emigration offices in Britain? Perhaps it is late in the day for Canada to start worrying about this drainage of its best young people. But Canada has 90 years' experience of being the Crewe junction of America. And that qualifies her to give this friendly tip to Britain: "Don't drive your brains to export. They don't even bring dollars."



## NANCY Leaving No Telltale Marks



By Ernie Bushmiller



## 'Cat' For Armed Robber

A self-confessed armed robber and a returned banished, who was also said to have served "time" for attempted murder in Brunei, was ordered to receive 24 strokes of the "cat" by Mr Justice Williams at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

He was Li Chung-wood (alias Lau Sze-sung, alias Lau Chuen-heung), 24-year-old ruffian worker. In addition to the "cat," he was sentenced to 14 years' hard labour.

The charges which led to the stiff sentence were armed robbery by two or more, attempting to shoot a constable and possession of arms and ammunition.

Mr A. Lonsdale, Crown Counsel, said a constable on patrol in a scavenging lane near Cumberland Road on February 29 saw Li carrying something wrapped in a newspaper. The constable stopped him and searched the parcel, which contained an automatic pistol. Li grabbed hold of the gun and pointed it at the constable. A fierce struggle ensued, and while it was going on Li attempted to fire the pistol. The constable, however, managed to pull his own gun and shoot Li in the stomach. Li was subsequently taken to hospital. Nine rounds of ammunition were found on him.

Subsequent inquiries led to the discovery that Li and another man, Tang Yul-wing, 23, were responsible for an armed robbery at 518 Nathan Road on January 23. Tang was eventually arrested and 40 rounds of ammunition were found on him. Arraigned on the robbery charge only, Tang was sentenced to seven years' hard labour and 12 strokes of the cane.

## Didn't Carry 'L' Plate

A well-dressed Chinese woman, Shum Man-sung, aged 26, of 9 Bay View Mansions, was fined \$25 by Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central Court this morning for a breach of the regulations governing learner drivers' licences by failing to carry an "L" plate on her car in Shek-O Road, near Tse Wan Bay, on April 17.

A licensed driver, Chan Fat, was fined \$150 for driving in a reckless manner at the same location.

Inspector H. Brownrigg, who prosecuted, said that at 5 p.m. on April 17 both defendants were driving along Shek-O Road. First defendant was driving private car 7032 accompanied by a licensed driver, but displayed no "L" plate. Second defendant, driving motor van 6036, was following the first defendant. When rounding a bend near Tse Wan Bay, he overtook the first defendant but cut in too sharply on the off side and collided with the front car. Second defendant narrowly escaped dropping 50 feet down a cliff.

Shum told the Court that she had instructed her chauffeur to put up the "L" plate before she started, and it could have dropped during the way without being noticed.

## Chinese Refuse To Strike

Singapore, Apr. 10.—Nearly 1,700 Chinese—members of two unions which opposed yesterday's strike by 6,000 harbour workers for wage increases and better working conditions—today began loading and unloading 14 of the 18 vessels berthed in Singapore wharfs.

Indian labourers attempted to stop Indians wishing to return to work, and the police arrested and charged one man with intimidation. The strikers' demands were described as "frivolous" by Mr P. A. T. Chimes, acting Chairman of the Harbour Board, who said the Board would not attempt a conciliation, but would offer the strikers the same pay and no "victimisation" if they returned to work.

He added that the strikers would have to give "reasonable discipline." The Board would welcome the co-operation of "healthy unionism."—Reuter.

## Soviets Restore Road Guards

Vienna, Apr. 10.—Russian authorities late this afternoon restored armed guards to the road blocks leading to the British airport at Schwechat, eight miles east of Vienna.

The guards were reported to be stopping all cars and then waving them on with no demand for identification or grey cards. Top American authorities said that the situation on the Danube River road to the U.S. Airbase at Tullin had eased.

The Russians had been demanding the grey identification cards from all U.S. personnel travelling the road the last three days.—Associated Press.

PAULA BY DENNIS WHEATLEY



Rita Vane, star of the film, has yet another escape—her nerve is cracking.

## Obstructed Police Officer

D. T. G. Smyth, Signaller of the Royal Navy, was fined \$100 or two weeks' imprisonment by Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central Court this morning for obstructing Sub-Inspector J. Hayward while in the execution of his duty at Hennessy Road near Luau Road at 3.20 a.m. yesterday.

Defendant denied the charge. SI Hayward in evidence said he was returning to the station in a taxi after making a thorough check in the Vanchai district for women loiterers. Travelling along Hennessy Road near Luau Road at 3.20 a.m., he saw a Chinese girl talking to Europeans at the side of the road. One of the Europeans was the defendant, who was in civilian clothes at the time, while the other man was in naval uniform. He got out of the taxi and arrested the woman. Defendant came up to him and wanted to know who he was.

Witness gave his name, and defendant turned around and said, "You are only a sub-inspector." The woman broke away from custody during the argument with defendant. However, she was eventually arrested.

### Touched His Gun

Witness said during the argument, defendant touched his gun on two occasions.

Defendant said he pointed at the inspector's gun twice because he was under the impression that it was a toy gun for a police inspector to carry a gun while in civilian clothes. He said he had no intention of taking the inspector's gun. He just wanted to know for his own interest what the inspector was doing with the gun.

Robert Gater, Yeoman of Signals, attached to HMS Tamar, said he was present during the incident and saw defendant being assaulted.

Lieut. Beckett, of HMS Tamar, told the Court that defendant had been with him for about a year and had a very good service record.

Inspector H. Brownrigg asked the Court to make an example of the defendant so that Service personnel would mind their own business and not interfere with the work of the Police in future.

In view of defendant's good Service record, he was given the option of a fine.

### Woman Fined

The woman, Chan Sau-chen, 22, charged with loitering, was fined \$100 or one month's hard labour. Defendant, who had two previous convictions, was warned that she would be banished on further appearance in Court.

## Opium Divans Raided

Three opium divans operating in unnumbered huts behind houses in Queen's Road East, Wanchai, were raided by a police party under SI Hayward on Sunday night, and the three keepers and a number of smokers were arrested.

Two of the keepers, Tee Shing, 22, and Tse Chui-yam, 18, were each fined \$800 or four months' hard labour, while the third man, Chan Ping, 36, who had two previous convictions for loitering and keeping an opium divan, was sentenced to eight months' hard labour and recommended for banishment, when they appeared before Mr d'Almada at Central this morning.

Twenty smokers who appeared in Court were fined \$25 or 10 days each, and four who were absent each forfeited bail of \$40.

Mr d'Almada made an order for the demolition of all the huts and for the confiscation of all equipment seized.

Inspector Moran prosecuted.

## QUARTERMASTER IN TROUBLE

Before Mr Latimer at Kowloon Court this morning, Thomas O'Connell, quartermaster of the ss Lancashire, admitted the charge of having committed a breach of the peace, and was fined \$25.

O'Connell was alleged to have used profane language towards Sub-Inspector Kinloch outside the Cocktail Bar, Nathan Road, at 12.10 a.m. on Sunday.

"The defendant had obviously had one over the eight," remarked Inspector Orem. "He didn't quite know what he was doing."

## ESCAPED FROM CUSTODY

"These escapes from custody are getting too frequent, and I am instructed to ask your Worship to take a more serious view than usual," said Inspector Moran at Central this morning when he prosecuted two men on charges of causing obstruction, hawking without a licence and escaping from Police custody.

On Sun, 22, who was arrested at Connaught Road Central while selling cooked meat on Saturday, jumped into the harbour and the Police were engaged for about half an hour in effecting his rescue. He was eventually pulled aboard the steamer Fatshau.

The other man, Chan Seek, 22, who was hawking cakes, bolted but was recaptured after a chase.

Both men were fined \$50 or 25 days each, and their wares were confiscated.

## ENGINEER GAOLED ON OPIUM COUNT

Li Chuen, 32-year-old engineer, who was charged before Mr d'Almada at Central Court this morning with possession of seven taels of raw opium at Connaught Road Central on Sunday, was sentenced to three months' hard labour when he admitted the charge.

Inspector Moran told the Court Li claimed to be carrying the opium for someone else.

After Li had been sentenced, a man and a woman in Court asked Mr d'Almada for permission to engage a solicitor to defend Li. The Magistrate then asked Li again whether he admitted possession, and Li said he did not know what the package contained. He asked for the option of a fine.

Mr d'Almada pointed out that defendant admitted being a carrier. The opium was in Li's possession and he had therefore to take the risk. However, his Worship said that he would reduce the sentence to two months' hard labour.

Defendant was also recommended for banishment.

### Opium In Luggage

Arrested at the KCR station on Sunday when a Revenue Officer found 1.8 taels of raw opium in her luggage, Chan Fung-wong, a married woman, was fined \$180 or three weeks by Mr Latimer at Kowloon this morning.

## Illegal Radio Charge

Three men were brought before Mr Blair-Kerr at Kowloon Court this morning in connection with what was described as illegal wireless station at 47 Kilung Street, first floor.

Tong Kwong, aged 25, and Ho Cheung, 30, were charged with maintaining the station and possession of radio communication apparatus without licence, while Ting Wan-hon, 37, was charged with being the occupier of premises where such equipment was installed.

Asking for a day's remand, Sub-Inspector Howarth said the accused would be defended by Mr C. A. Russ. Tong and Ho were granted bail of \$5,000 each, and Ting bail of \$3,000.

## Big Shipment Of Birds And Animals Here

A large shipment of wild animals and birds arrived in Hongkong this morning from Bangkok by the China Navigation Company's vessel, Ninghai. The animals include seven elephants, six bears, 200 gibbons, 200 monkeys, four Siamese golden cats and about 2,000 birds.

The animals and birds are on their way to various zoos in the United States. They are being transferred this afternoon to the American President liner, President Grant, which will take them across the Pacific.

This is the largest shipment of the nature ever consigned to the United States at any one time. There are many rare birds among the lot, including a pair of hoopoes.

The animals and birds have been collected by Mr Noel Rosenfelt and Mr Paul S. Hull, representing the Catalina Wild Life Expeditions of Catalina Island, California.

## Watchman Frustrates Faked Bank Robbery

Said to have been ruined by speculation losses, Tsang Kam-sing, 43, staged a faked robbery with the assistance of a relative in the vaults of the Farmers' Bank, of which he was the cashier, on the evening of December 30, but the vigilance of a watchman frustrated the plot, and the two found themselves arraigned before Mr Justice Williams at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Tsang and his cousin, Tsang Kui, 23, shop faki, were charged with conspiracy to defeat the ends of justice and conspiracy to effect a public mischief. Both pleaded guilty, while Tsang Kam-sing also admitted a charge of larceny by servant of \$30,000 from the Bank.

Mr A. Lonsdale, Crown Counsel, said that on December 30 a bank watchman noticed a door off a side

lane open. The door was used exclusively for carrying consignments of banknotes into the bank, and the keys to it were held by Tsang Kam-sing.

The watchman drew the attention of another official of the bank to this, and the latter went down to the basement where he saw the vault door also open. The keys to this were also in the possession of Tsang.

Hiding inside the vault was Tsang Kui, while Tsang Kam-sing was seen lying on the floor tied up. Both were taken to Central Police Station, where Tsang Kam-sing made a complaint of robbery. The Police later went to the scene of the alleged crime, and from certain things which they observed they were inclined to doubt the stories told by the two. They questioned and cross-questioned the two until they finally admitted their guilt.

The story told by Tsang Kam-sing, said Mr Lonsdale, was that in the course of the year he had taken sums of money amounting to \$300,000 from the bank at intervals not specified, and that he had used them for speculation and for advances to businesses. He also admitted staging the robbery and that he had stolen another \$30,000 on the day it was staged.

Despite the absence of exhibits, the corroborative evidence of detectives posted at the KCR station secured the conviction of four such scoundrels, who were each fined \$75 by Mr Latimer.

According to Inspector Orem, these runners were all principals in the activity, sharing the profits. They took turns at being canvassers and holding the four ticket holders. Three of the four defendants had previous convictions. Pang Kam-chuen had been fined \$25 in February this year for trespassing at the KCR station, and Lam Chong had been sentenced to six weeks in October last for being a black-market dealer in railway tickets. Li Kwan-shing had a previous record for larceny. The fourth, a youth of 18, Cheng Hung-ching, had no police record.

The defendants were arrested on Saturday together with two others, who were remanded till tomorrow.

Woman Fined \$75 Two others who were caught with tickets in their possession were also charged before Mr Latimer. A woman named Wong Sik-chun, who offered a third class ticket to Canton for \$10 as against the official price of \$9.80, was fined \$75, while an unemployed, Chan Muk-luk, who was not in Court, had his bail of \$100 estreated.

## Charge Against Chinese PC

A Chinese police constable, Ho Nai-tim, 26, PC1013, appeared before Mr d'Almada at Central Court this morning, charged with being absent from duty since March 4, 1947, without the permission of the Commissioner of Police, and with failing to return to duty.

He was not in Court in Police custody. Inspector Moran prosecuted.

### KEPT BROTHEL

Police raided a brothel on the second floor of 145, Temple Street, on Sunday and arrested the keeper, Li Pat-mui, who was fined \$250 or a month by Mr Latimer at Kowloon Court this morning.

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Commencing To-morrow: Chinese picture in Mandarin dialogue  
**"SECRET AGENT NO. 1"**

**Protest Against Suppression**  
Tehran, Apr. 10.—Sixty-six Persian editors and 15 journalists—including Leftwing party newspapermen—today signed a declaration protesting against the arrest of editors and the suppression of newspapers.

The declaration, which also condemned the prohibition of public assemblies by the police and military authorities, said such acts were "against the constitution and the United Nations Charter."

It urged the Government to safeguard the rights of immunity.—Reuter.

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The acting mistress of a Class II boat and the acting masters of three junks were each fined \$25 or five days by Mr Cairns at the Marine Court this morning for not having anchor lights whilst they were anchored in the Causeway Bay Typhoon Shelter.



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### SPORTS NEWS

CHAMPIONS ROUTED BY REST

## CROWD WALKS OUT ON KIT CHEE

### Eastern Juniors Take Second Division Cup

The Hongkong Football Association's season ended yesterday with one of the poorest exhibitions of play ever seen in a Champions v. The Rest encounter as Kit Chee took a seven-nil trouncing at Happy Valley.

Kit Chee came on the field with only four members of their regular eleven and a number of players who are virtual unknowns. The Rest, though it had the game its own way very nearly throughout, did not sparkle either.

A display of one-sided football enlivened by only occasional moments when mediocrity wasn't the order of the afternoon saw the large crowd that earlier witnessed Eastern Juniors win the Second Division play-off from Sing Tao Juniors by a 2-1 score, begin trickling away at halftime and the procession toward the exits continued throughout the second half. The score in favour of the Rest could have easily been 12-nil had their forwards not disappointed even more than did Kit Chee by a succession of missed chances and a procession of off-sides.

The Rest were all over the Champions. There were barely more than a half-dozen movements throughout the game that saw Kit Chee on the offensive and it was only the league winners' right wing, packed with reserves except for the outside-right, Tang Kwong-sum, that just managed to preserve any understanding throughout the game.

#### GOALIE IMPRESSES

The only member of the Kit Chee side to impress was the goalie, a regular, Chu Siu-hung, whose out-rushing tactics in the more hectic moments in the penalty area saved a half-dozen certainties and allowed in three that could have been saved with less impetuous tactics.

Brightest moments in the Rest's display were contributed to by Lee Tai-fai, right-wing, and the backs, Hau Yung-sung and Leung Pak-wai, who were practically impassable. Had they been confronted with a classier set of forwards to look after, it would have reflected more to their credit.

The Services players on the left-wing of the Rest attack were all of form. They combined well but missed opportunities between the three of Sewell, Klerman and Bates for a round half-dozen more goals. The Rest's half-back line, with Farrow at pivot, played a steady plodding game that served to keep the ball at the Kit Chee end of the field but showed up little that was bright.

Kit Chee had a little bit of the game in the early stages of the first half and managed to hold the Rest for 22 minutes without a goal being scored. This was largely due to some inspired work by their goalie, Chu Siu-hung, and to the Rest's lack of finish in a constant series of raids.

There were one or two moments when Kit Chee's forwards had the ball under control but they invariably lost it in passes being intercepted.

#### FIRST GOAL

The first goal of the game was scored by Lee Tai-fai, the Chinese Athletic winger, who netted from 15 yards as Chu rushed out to intercept. The Kit Chee goalie had just a minute before pulled one out from practically off the boot of an attacking forward, but Lee this time was not waiting for him to come out too far.

The second goal did not come until some five minutes before the half-time whistle. The Rest were having more of the game but were shooting wide of the goal. This time Farrow sent in a slow ground shot from 20 yards that Chu missed entirely. His view was obstructed by one of the backs between Farrow and himself.

It was evident at half-time that Kit Chee had kept the score down to 2-0 only by sheer good luck. This did not last as within two minutes of the kick-off Lee Tai-fai brought one in easily on his own and had only the goalie to beat.

However, it took another 20 minutes before Chu let in another one. This time it was from Klerman. Kit Chee did not go to pieces but they were, on paper, a beaten side from the start and could do little to stave off a final goal-scoring spree that earlier stage of the game. Sewell netted two and Bates one in the last 10 minutes, bringing the final score to 7-nil.

The teams were: Kit Chee: Chu Siu-hung; Cheung Kwan-yung, and could have come Leung Fook-chung, Chou Kwai-chung and Lee Tin-kee; Tang Kwong-sum, Kwok Ying-wai, Kwok Ying-ik, Lal Wai-man and Wong King-chung.

The Rest: Tsang Wing (Police); Hau Yung-sung (Sing Tao) and Leung Pak-wai (Kwong Wah); Craighend (RA), Farrow (Club) and Lo Wai-kuen (Eastern); Lee Tai-fai (CAA), Fung Kwan-sing (KMB), Sewell (RAF), Klerman (Innskillings) and Bates (RA).

### Eastern Juniors Just Make It

Eastern juniors did not have an easy time of it taking the measure of Sing Tao Juniors by two goals to one and annexing the Second Division Championship.

The game was exciting all through and much of the credit for Eastern's victory is due to their goal-keeper, Leung Teng-tong, who stood up to Sing Tao's continued assault and was never caught napping. Sing Tao had more of the game, which turned a little rough in the second half, and were on the offensive again and again only to see their forward line fail to follow through.

The first goal of the game was scored after 20 minutes play when Eastern's inside-right, Yiu Yiu-lam, netted.

The half-time score was one-nil in favour of Eastern. Six minutes from the kick-off, Tao equalised through their centre-forward, Lee Hung-kee. Eastern again took the lead after a further 13 minutes of play when Lee Wai-lam, their centre-forward, scored. Sing Tao continued pressing through the rest of the second-half but could not break through.

Eastern and Sing Tao played three games to decide the Second Division Championship. Sing Tao won the first last Wednesday by two goals to one, Eastern reversing the decision by the identical score on Friday and taking the rubber yesterday.



### International Football Scores

Rotterdam, Apr. 18. — A crowd of 65,000 saw Holland and Belgium draw in their soccer International here today, each side scoring twice after an interval score of one all.

Engelsman, Holland's outside right, scored after 28 minutes to give Holland the lead, but Mermans and Vansteenkiste put Belgium in front, and then midway through the second half Lenstra equalised for Holland. — Reuter.

Vienna, Apr. 18. — Austria beat Switzerland by three goals to one in an International soccer match here today after leading 2-0 at half-time. — Reuter.

Warsaw, Apr. 18. — Poland defeated Czechoslovakia by three goals to one in an International soccer match here today. Poland's surprise win, their first against the Czechs, was gained by vigorous shock tactics against a more scientific, but less lucky, team. — Reuter.

Prague, Apr. 18. — Prague defeated Krakow four to two in an International soccer match in Prague today. At half-time the Polish team led two to one. — Associated Press.

## STAN MUSIAL CONNECTS



Stan Musial, St Louis Cardinals first baseman, connects with a pitch (left) and follows through (centre and right) during a workout at the Cards' Lakeland, Florida, spring training camp. The 27-year-old slugger is from Donora, Pa.

## BASEBALL

### Prospects Point To New "Golden Era"

(By JOE REICHLER)

New York, Apr. 18. — The 1948 major league baseball season which opens on three fronts today promises to develop into the most exciting in many years.

Pre-season ticket reservations totalling more than US\$4,000,000 and the richest rookie crop since before the war form the basis for this great optimism. Interest also has been stimulated by numerous players' trades and sales.

The return of such colourful figures as Leo Durocher to the Brooklyn Dodgers and Joe McCarthy with the Boston Red Sox, several managerial changes, and the investments in clubs by such figures as former Postmaster General Bob Hainnegan and Hank Greenberg.

With more night games scheduled than ever before, and such current stars as Ted Williams, Joe Dimaggio, Bob Feller, Johnny Mize, Ralph Kiner, Stan Musial, Ewell Blackwell and Hal Newhouser to the Philadelphia Athletics in a morning-afternoon double-header to celebrate Patriots' Day in Boston.

A crowd of 31,000, including President Harry Truman, is expected to watch Washington and the Yankees open their season at the Capital City. Truman, a south-paw, will throw out the first ball.

Cincinnati will represent the National League as the host to the Pittsburgh Pirates. About 33,000 fans will sit in on the only National League game on Monday.

The spring becomes general on Tuesday when every club, with the exception of the Red Sox and the Athletics, swing into action. The latter two will be resting from their holiday labours. — Associated Press.

### American Team To Cater For Itself

New York, Apr. 18. — Nine thousand slices of fresh bread will be flown from the United States to the American Olympic Games team every 48 hours during its stay in London.

Announcing this today, Mr Charles Ernst, chairman of the Olympic committee's food group, said he also hoped to arrange for the shipment of about 30 tons of meat, 2,000 gallons of icecream, half a ton of butter and 2,400 dozen eggs. The food will be prepared under the supervision of a well-known American chef, who will be aided by a college-trained steward. — Reuter.

### BIDS FOR OLYMPIC GAMES

Working on the assumption that the 1956 Olympic Games will be awarded to the United States, the American Olympic Committee asked for bids and has received applications to stage the Games from Philadelphia, Detroit, Los Angeles and Minneapolis.

## ARMY BOXING

### Bandages For Amateurs?

There was some talk at the Championships of a move to get bandages sanctioned for amateur boxing. In unpaid ranks these aids are allowed only in internationals to fall in line with overseas regulations and so prevent our men being placed at a disadvantage, but the ABA has always looked askance at anyone so revolutionary as to suggest the use of bandages in ordinary amateur contests in this country.

However, Army Secretary Major Tony Semmence is strongly in favour of it, so we may have some fun at the annual general meeting of the ABA.

Another topic was how many ABA titles the strong Army presentation was going to win next month. Murphy (flyweight), Morrison (bantam), Barr (feather), and Ryan (welter) are all good enough to win the coveted honour, although I do not anticipate the Army percentage of successes will be as great as all that.

Murphy told me that when he is demobbed he is returning to an amateur Glasgow club and not turning professional.

One particular disappointment was the absence of BAOF Officers' heavyweight champion Capt. David Reid. He turned up all right—but with an abscess on his left ear and had to content himself with judging.

#### TRAYNOR INJURED

First of the contending title-holders to fall by the wayside in the Army Boxing Championships at Aldershot was Sgt/Insr. L. Traynor, Northern Command, who had held the featherweight crown for the last two years.

He won his first serious fight against Cpl. Fie. 75 PTC, Scottish Command, on points easily enough, but sustained a badly cut eye and was forbidden by the Medical Officer to take any further part in the championships.

This must have been disappointing for this game Northern who has represented Army for so long in the internationals.

Another surprise was the non-appearance at the weigh-in of two BAOF contestants. One of them was Corporal of Horse Frank Walker, Army International, who was expected to go close to winning the heavyweight title. There was no explanation for his absence or his colleagues.

Two champions, Cpl. Forrester, lightweight, and Sgt. Taylor, featherweight, did not defend because they have been demobbed. I understand Forrester is hurt enough to prevent his boxing for another year.

#### A GREAT PLEASURE

To me, the greatest pleasure of the early stages of the championships was the continued good form of CSMI Ernie Shackleton. It is many years since he was ABA Champion, but he has staged an effective comeback as Southern Command Champion, and he did a fine job of work in his first fight in out-pointing burly Sgt. Patterson, RA.

The standard of boxing was very high and it was a pity that such splendid preliminary contests, good enough for any final, were witnessed by only a handful of people, whereas possible inferior fights on finals' night were to be watched by thousands at the Royal Albert Hall two nights later.

## WEEK'S FIXTURES IN BADMINTON TOURNEY

An attractive programme in the quarter-finals of the Senior and Junior Open Singles features the week's games in the Colony Badminton championships.

This evening's games at the Kowloon Cricket Club are:  
7.30 p.m. (Junior Men's Singles) T. H. Choo v. W. C. Chung.  
8 p.m. (Junior Men's Doubles) F. H. Kwok & D. Kwok v. J. Kompton & M. Kempton.  
8.30 p.m. (Junior Men's Singles) Thong Kuo Sin v. K. Y. Tam.  
9 p.m. (Mixed Doubles) J. J. Remedios & Mrs. O. Silva v. M. A. Oliveria & Miss M. Silva.  
9.30 p.m. (Junior Men's Doubles) A. Ho & K. F. Chiu v. M. Verleysen & A. J. Gonsalves.

The programme up to Thursday is:  
Tuesday, April 20  
At Club de Recoelo:  
7.30 p.m. (Senior Men's Singles) S. Amplanavar v. D. Kwok.  
8.00 p.m. (Junior Men's Doubles) W. K. Ying & S. C. Liang v. J. L. Anderson & A. L. Fisher.  
8.30 p.m. (Senior Men's Singles) C. Au v. P. H. Wong.  
9.00 p.m. (Junior Men's Doubles) K. S. Thong & T. H. Choo v. C. Y. Yung & W. K. Yung.  
9.30 p.m. (Junior Men's Doubles) H. A. Barros & P. A. Yvanovich v. S. Saul & W. Gillies.

## CHESS TOURNEY

### Botvinnik Loses To Reshevsky

London, Apr. 18. — The United States chess player, Samuel Reshevsky, today beat the Russian player, Mikhail Botvinnik, in a world championship game, Moscow Radio reported.

In the 13th round of the championship played on Friday, Botvinnik was leading with eight points out of a possible 10. He had won six games and drawn four.

Reshevsky was then fourth in the series with 4.5 points. Botvinnik's defeat, his first in the present series, came in the 14th round, Reshevsky, playing black, won the game on the 41st move.

Another game between Smyslov (Russia) and Max Euwe (Holland) was adjourned at the 43rd move, with Euwe in the better position.

Botvinnik secured two bishops, but at the same time weakened his pawn position on the queen's flank, Moscow Radio's chess reporter said. Reshevsky then brought strong pressure on this weakened pawn and, in searching to defend it, Botvinnik used up much time. Suffering from a time shortage, he made a mistake which cost him the game.

In the other game, the world champion, Max Euwe, opened with his queen's pawn, and the young Soviet player, Smyslov, again showed his favourite line in the "Grunwald" defence. But Euwe made a surprise move, and in the following complications, was able to win the exchange. The game will be finished tomorrow. — Reuter.

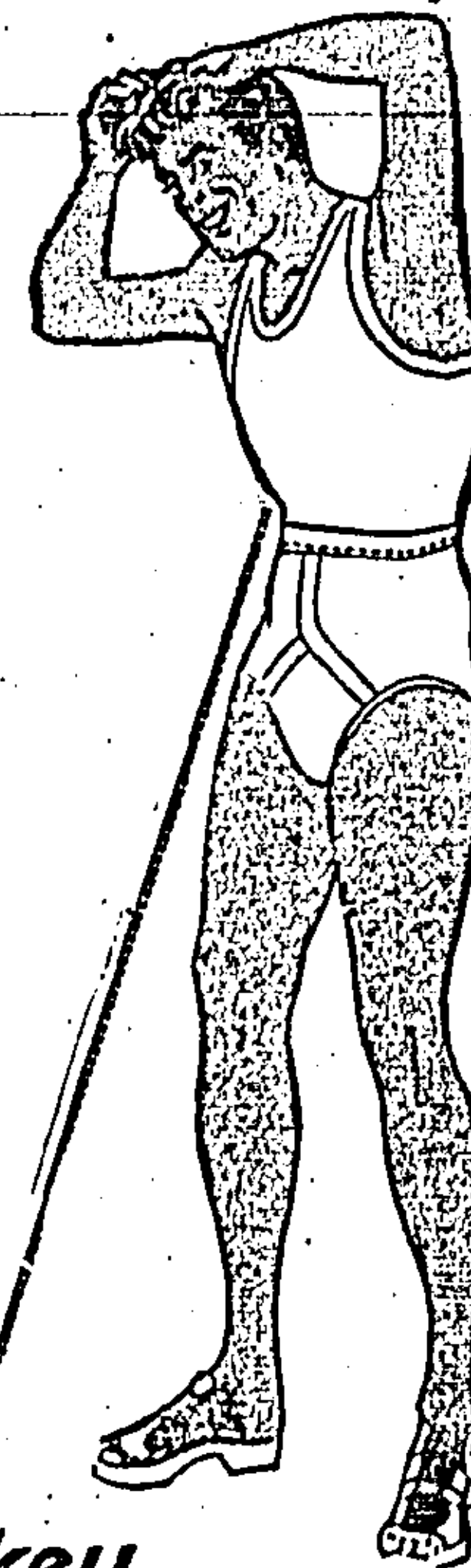
#### FRIDAY'S SCORES

Friday's results in the Open Badminton Championships matches played at the Hong Kong University Gymnasium were:

Senior Men's Singles  
W. F. Foo beat W. Gillies 15-7, 3-15 15-5.  
Robert Tay beat S. Saul 15-5, 15-12.

Junior Men's Singles  
A. L. Fisher beat M. Kempton 15-10, 10-15, 15-2.  
Junior Men's Doubles  
A. D. Brown and J. A. Soares beat W. C. Chung and S. H. Leung 11-15, 15-6, 15-7.  
A. Bayot and F. M. Ribeiro beat J. A. Motta and R. M. Soares 15-5, 15-4.

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## REFUTES ESPIONAGE CHARGES

Berlin, Apr. 18.—Mr Robert Magdoff, the American radio reporter expelled from Russia, said when he arrived in Berlin by air today, that he was sure his secretary had not denounced him as a spy on her own initiative.

"She was probably called in and told to look around and find something in my office that could be twisted into an 'incriminating charge', he said.

"She found the letters from McGraw-Hill, the New York publishers for whom I wrote magazine pieces.

### ROUTINE LETTERS

"They were routine letters which had come in through the open mail, and which I had made no effort to conceal."

"In all the 12 years I have lived and worked in Russia, I have never received a single communication pertaining to my work as a correspondent otherwise than through the open mail."

"I admit that, from the point of view of the Russians, taking into account the state of mind there, the letters from McGraw-Hill did touch on dangerous subjects. But in any other country, they would have been routine enquiries, which, in fact, McGraw-Hill had sent to correspondents all over the world."

"I had never tried to hide them. They were lying open in my files. I am sure the Russians had read them before they reached me."

### NOTICE

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED

### Notice To Shareholders

### ADOPTION OF NEW ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, 28th April, 1948, at 12.15 p.m. or at such time as the Ordinary Annual Meeting of Members to be held at the same place at Noon shall terminate, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Special Resolution:—

"That the New Articles of Association produced to the Meeting, and for the purpose of identification subscribed by David Fortune Landale, Chairman of the Company and the Meeting, be adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for the existing Articles of Association of the Company."

A copy of the Proposed New Articles can be inspected by any Shareholder at the Offices of the Company during the usual office hours.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
C. E. TERRY,  
Manager and Secretary.  
Hongkong, 5th April, 1948.

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Closing of Transfer Books. Notice is also given that the Register of Members and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 15th April, 1948, to 28th April, 1948, both days inclusive.

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## Communist Coups In Chile & Ecuador Reported Planned

Washington, Apr. 18.—It was disclosed today that the State Department has received reports, which are not yet verified, that the Communists or Communist-backed groups may try to seize power in Chile and Ecuador in the next few weeks. A Department source made it clear that the reports lack official verification.

But one of them tends to support the official announcement that the Chilean government has received reports that the Communists have planned an uprising on May 1 envisaging the kidnapping of President Gonzalez and other government and Army leaders.

A report on Ecuador said the "Conservatives" with the help of the Communists were going to try to seize power about June 1.

Dispatches from Latin-America during the past week gave hints of expected Communist activities; and General Reneplando, Costa Rican Security Minister, said in Mexico City that the Communists planned a new uprising in Chile, Venezuela and Jamaica in the near future.

### INTELLIGENCE REPORT

Top government officials in Brazil have blamed international Communist conspirators for the explosion that destroyed a large part of Deodoro military base in Rio de Janeiro, last Thursday.

Captain Ellis Zacharias, wartime head of the Naval Intelligence, said that information reaching him leads him to believe that the recent Bogota uprising was Communist-inspired. He said in a broadcast that he believed that the Colombian Liberal Party leader, Gortie Gaitan, whose assassination touched off the revolt, was approached by the Communists but refused to go along with them.

Capt. Zacharias said that Gaitan then was "eliminated" and the Communists used his death to start the insurrection. He emphasised that there are too few Communists in Colombia for them to have been solely responsible for all violence. —United Press.

## Television's Appeal

New York, Apr. 18.—Television has developed a new type of hotel guest—the man who takes off his shoes to see the sights.

For many people, a hotel room is usually a place to leave the luggage, change clothes and snatch a minimum of sleep, but that is no longer the case with guests who stay in the Roosevelt Hotel's 40 rooms equipped with television.

They become regular home birds. Instead of checking in and dashing out again immediately to visit the town, they pull off their shoes, sit back and tune in to a television show.

Some of them do not even go down to the bar for a quick one and then out for dinner. They just have everything sent up to the room.

That is an unexpected but pleasing development for the hotel, for, although primarily a hotel's business is renting rooms, room service is a profitable part of its operation. —Reuter.

## CHIANG DUE TO BE ELECTED THIS MORNING

Nanking, Apr. 19.—China's first presidential election will go off as scheduled this morning to be followed by the vice-presidential election four days later, before the National Assembly concludes its four weeks' session on April 24.

Chiang Kai-shek whose election as President is virtually assured by the support of 2,480 delegates who nominated his candidature is expected to win an overwhelming victory over his only opponent, Dr. Chu Chen, who became presidential candidate by nomination of 103.

Presidential election today will be conducted under an elaborate plan ensuring the strict supervision over ballots as they are cast with 12

## De Gaulle Demands General Elections

### SAYS SCHUMAN GOVERNMENT HAS LOST PEOPLE'S SUPPORT

Marseilles, Apr. 18.—Heavily-guarded by 7,000 police and hundreds of detectives, General Charles de Gaulle, for the second time in less than 24 hours, today-called for general elections to change the present French Government of M. Robert Schuman.

He told 90,000 people at the old port of Marseilles that M. Schuman's middle-of-the-road Government had "lost the support of the people and control of the political and economic situation," and added: "We must go to the people as soon as possible to obtain the authority and credit

necessary to lead them in times which are so difficult and might so easily become tragic."

The general spoke from a floating pontoon anchored 30 yards from the quayside. Specially manned fishing smacks and a fire boat flanked the pontoon. The meeting passed off without incident.

Every house facing the port had been searched yesterday. No boats were allowed to move in the small harbour and the only vessels near the pontoon were a police launch and two small boats carrying journalists.

A smart white yacht ferried General de Gaulle to his floating platform. A barrier, manned by hundreds of Gaullists, kept all but invited guests 100 yards from the quayside.

These precautions contrasted with the general's walk yesterday through cheering crowds in the centre of the town and his visit to the Church of Notre Dame de La Garde in the Communist quarter this morning, where he was surrounded by hundreds of people.

### CLASHES WITH REDS

Clashes between Gaullists and Communists kept many people at home this weekend and left, after the general had left, an official of the Rally announced that there had been an attempt to cut off the electric current to prevent the speech being broadcast.

An emergency plant had been provided, he said, and the attempt failed.

The Communist counter-demonstration held at the same time in another part of the town attracted a crowd of 10,000.

In his speech, the general said: "Nearly everybody admits that we must organise the free peoples of Europe into an economic and strategic whole, and that this whole will one day include a Confederation of German states—but not a Fourth Reich—that it should be linked to the United States of America under a form of reciprocal guarantee and that the duty to lead this vast enterprise falls to France."

"Nearly everybody considers that our country must resolutely assure, on the land, sea and air, the defence of its frontiers by all the means at its disposal." —Reuter.

### SCHUMAN'S SPEECH

Paris, Apr. 18.—M. Robert Schuman, the French Premier, told a political meeting at Poitiers, southwestern France, today that France had received \$280 million worth of goods free from the United States since the end of December.

M. Schuman said American aid was an "unprecedented act of human solidarity."

"This initiative has been criticised," he said. "It has been refused by certain countries. Yet this initiative holds out a great opportunity for a pacific organisation of the world."

Stating that while the French economic situation was improving, M. Schuman said that progress was still insufficient. "New outlets must be obtained," he said. "Progress has been made on many points, but it is still insufficient. We import much more than we export, and it will be so for several years to come until we have enough currency, in the particular dollars, to pay for the surplus of our exports."

He said the outlook for the cereals crop is good. "The wheat crop will certainly allow us to increase the bread ration."

### VALUABLE UNIONS

On the need for international solidarity, M. Schuman said: "Unions made in wartime keep their value after the war. France does not exclude anyone from her friendship, even those who yesterday were against her."

Of the Italian general elections today, M. Schuman said: "I hope the results of the elections will mean, for the peninsula, the return to true democracy, to a cordial reconciliation and to a confident co-operation between France and Italy."

Discussing Germany, the French Premier said: "A statute must be devised for Germany, founded on democratic principles, but not without serious precautions."

Any plan which would lead to the establishment of a centralised power in Germany, M. Schuman said, would mean for her "the temptation of a permanent and progressive threat of revenge first and aggressive imperialism later."

He added that as soon as Parliament convened, the Government will ask for the "rapid passing of laws for military re-organisation, which will cost the country only the indispensable minimum in money and men." —Reuter.

### Jap Reparations

Tokyo, Apr. 18.—Reparations shipments from Japan under the 30 percent advance transfer programme reached approximately 6,000 machines, totalling more than 10,000 tons, by the middle of April. It has been officially announced by the SCAP's Reparations Section.

China has taken the largest amount so far, with shipments of 3,080 pieces of machinery totalling 9,120 tons. This represents 42 percent of the 7,311 machines which China has designated as acceptable. —Reuter.

## "Dogwhipper" For Church

London, Apr. 18.—The Reverend R. D. Meredith, Vicar of Chislet parish church, Kent, disclosed today that he had appointed a "dogwhipper" for a salary of 10 shillings a year.

Reverting to a custom of the 17th Century, Mr Meredith hired Bill Jell, church stoker.

Like his predecessors in the day of Charles II, Jell will wear a white coat and top hat and carry a long whip to chase out dogs who stray into church during services. —United Press.

## High Abbot Visits German Buddhists

Duesseldorf, Apr. 18.—U Thu Nanda, a Buddhist High Abbot from Rangoon, arrived in Duesseldorf from Paris today to visit German Buddhist communities in the Ruhr and other parts of Western Germany.

It was the first time in the history of German Buddhism that a visit had been made by a dignitary from one of the Buddhist countries of Asia.

U Thu Nanda said he expected to stay in Germany some weeks to address members of the growing German Buddhist movement.

"I feel that the German people are suited to Buddhism," he said, "and I am happy at the progress our teaching has made in this country, particularly since the end of the war."

"The Germans, like the Buddhist people of the East, are really peaceful when they aim at peace. When left alone, they easily follow the path of peace."

The German Buddhist movement, largely composed of intellectuals, was stated by an official of the Duesseldorf community today to number more than 1,000, nearly 200 of them in the Ruhr and the Rhineland. —Reuter.

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